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David Levy's ongoing feud with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir culminated Sunday in the foreign minister's announcement that he would resign from the government.

Levy, who is also a deputy premier, stressed he was not resigning from the Likud party, to which, he reminded his supporters, he gave "my youth and my love."

But he sounded almost like a Laborite in the long, bitter recital of grievances against the party leadership, which he gave to several hundred loyal followers gathered in a Herzliya hotel.

Levy accused his ministerial colleagues of political pigheadedness for courting a crisis with the United States, "as though we have an alternative to America's friendship."

He dwelt on his differences with the party leadership over the peace process, saying he had to fight constantly for policies of relative moderation and endure charges of "selling out" to the Arabs for proposals that were entirely consistent with the 1978 Camp David accords.

The Moroccan-born Levy, the highest-ranking Sephardic member of the Cabinet, hinted strongly at anti-Sephardic bias among the majority of Likudniks who are of Ashkenazic background.

He spoke of their contemptuous attitude toward him and how his policy initiatives on behalf of the poorer segments of society were frequently squelched by his own party.

Referring to those socio-economic policies with which he is associated, Levy said he added to Likud's ideology a dimension not previously stressed in its doctrines and thereby induced many more people to join the party.

Though visibly grieved by his announcement, Levy's followers responded with a standing ovation and broke into their signature song, *David, Melech Yisrael,* (David, king of Israel).

The government Levy is leaving will be replaced after the June 23 elections. But his departure and the biting criticism of his valedictory is hardly an advantage for Likud in the midst of a bitter election campaign.

There was no immediate reaction from the Prime Minister's Office to Levy's announcement.

Some observers predicted that Shamir would attempt to heal his rift with Levy in the days ahead and prevail upon him to reconsider. But others felt Shamir might quickly appoint a new foreign minister in an effort to minimize the pre-election fallout from this open feud within the ruling party.

Although his relations with Shamir have long been shaky, mainly because of Levy's relatively moderate foreign policy views, the break Sunday stemmed from Levy's bitterness over the way his supporters were shut out when the Likud Central Committee picked the party's election slate on March 1 and 2.

Levy charges his supporters were shut out of safe spots on the election list because of collusion between the camp of Shamir and his loyal lieutenant, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, and that of Ariel Sharon, the hard-line housing minister.

The internal strife has been hurting the Likud politically. And in the view of most pundits, Levy's move is likely to aggravate the damage.

Likud campaign spokesman Yossi Ahimeir issued a call to party loyalists Sunday night to work harder than ever for success on Election Day.

With respect to the current crisis with Washington over its linkage of a settlement freeze with loan guarantees, Levy said much of Israel's complaints were legitimate. But he clearly implied that some of the blame for the damaged state of relations resides with his Cabinet colleagues in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, unnamed Foreign Ministry officials were quoted by Israel Television within minutes of Levy's announcement as expressing fear that his departure and possible replacement by a Likud colleague may well lead to a hardening of Israeli foreign policy positions in the period leading up to the election.

David Levy resigns from government.

HAPPY FACES

Moabi Maleby and Matthew Rosen were delighted by the outcome of South Africa's referendum March 17. By a margin of 2-1, the country's long-standing policy of apartheid was overturned. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Hopes for free trade with Israel diminished

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israeli hopes for a free trade agreement (FTA) with Canada may well have been dashed — at least in the short term — following meetings earlier this week between the trade ministers of the two countries.

"We are not casting aside the possibility of an FTA in the future," International Trade Minister Michael Wilson said.

"I understand the logic of it, but we have our platter full on trade negotiations [with the United States and Mexico] right now," he said.

In a brief interview prior to meetings of a Joint Economic Commission (JEC) in Ottawa, Wilson said he would focus on "seeking global free trade through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Wilson was to meet with Israeli deputy prime minister/industry and trade minister Moshe Nissim for two days of trade talks during Nissim's six-day visit to Canada.

(Nissim's visit also coincided with a technology co-operation forum in which Israeli and Canadian high tech companies discussed mutual business prospects.)

In a number of public appearances prior to the trade talks, Nissim and other Israeli officials outlined their agenda for the goverment-to-government negotiations.

They said they would be seeking free trade with Canada, creation of a bilateral reasearch and development fund and an end to Canadian restrictions on products that could be used for both military and civilian uses.

While scotching the possibility of an FTA with Israel, Wilson held out the prospects for an expanded trade relationship with the Jewish state.

In an address to a Toronto meeting of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce (CICC), he said "there are many areas in which we could expand our relationship with Israel.

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Wilson noted that trade between the two countries has grown from $14 million each way in 1970 to a total of $260 million today.

"Leading Canadian exports include crude and refined sulphur, aluminum, lumber, aircraft engines, copper and zinc products. Israel's largest exports to Canada include diamonds, yarns, agricultural products and medical equipment."

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Slavens winds down term at CJC region

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Three years is just about right — time enough to get your ideas pushed through without being overwhelmed by the demands of the job.

"After three years, you've had a lot of it," commented Eric Slavens, as his term winds down as chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region. A new chairman will be elected at the upcoming Congress plenary May 18-22 in Toronto.

Heading the organization that represents the country's largest Jewish population has been a busy time, as well as a rewarding one, he said.

Defending the community from anti-Semitism through the region's community relations committee, launching a legal challenge to the government policy that refuses to fund Jewish day schools while financing Roman Catholic ones and continuing a program of outreach to Jews in smaller centres have been key elements in the region's activities, he said.

"What I put as a priority was for the Ontario region to represent the region, and not just the metropolitan areas," Slavens said. "We've done that with some success."

Eric Slavens

In 1989, a task force presented a report, Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity, "and we moved on it," Slavens said.

Speaking from his office overlooking the Eaton Centre mall, he said Jews in smaller centres are concerned about losing their identities while living in a non-Jewish milieu. Addressing those concerns, Congress personnel, primarily Susan Jackson and Rachel Rosenberg (the latter also works for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) helped provide resources as well as planning and evaluating educational and cultural programs in smaller centres.

"Outreach has always been a priority," said Slavens, the managing partner for the Toronto office of the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse. "I think we've done a good job of it, but it's never enough. There is always more you can do."

Efforts to assist small communities develop and maintain their Jewish identities have included supporting Sunday school programs, inter-community get-togethers such as the recent Shabbat family retreat in Niagara Falls and providing community protection services that the community relations committee specializes in.

Jewish continuity in larger centres has also been a priority and the region's Jewish identity committee produced the *Ontario Jewish Resource Directory* to provide information on synagogues, restaurants, programs and resources to help people maintain a Jewish lifestyle.

The region was also involved in singles programming and pushed to include Judaic content at secular summer camps attended by large numbers of Jewish kids.

Slavens acknowledged that the recession has meant budget reductions over the past years, but "we've learned to live with that."

As chairman of the region, he has also had to contend with organizational changes mandated by the Lithwick Report, which called on federations to take over responsibility for programs serving specific local needs.

The Jewish identity committee is one aspect of the region's work that will be transferred to the Toronto federation, Slavens stated. "I'm very pleased with the way we've been working with the federation to implement Lithwick. I try not to be confrontational but to work with consensus."

One of the region's most satisfying accomplishments was taking the initiative to offer a reward for information on those who defaced Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. "Others picked up on that and it led to the arrest of the perpetrators," he said.

Looking ahead, Slavens said the region's political action committees, which meets with Ontario politicians to discuss issues of concern to the community, will continue to try to convince politicians of the inequity on the school funding policy, regardless of the outcome of the court case.

He's also pleased with his effort to bring new leadership into the region.

Congress must remain "action-oriented," involving itself in human rights, opposing anti-Semitism and political action, he said.

"Change is important. We have to keep moving forward," he said. "It's essential we have change and rejuvenation in the organization."

BB helps redraft St. John's survey

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights is expecting to work "closely" with St. John Ambulance, after St. John agreed last week to withdraw a controversial survey that asked sensitive questions about race and religion.

In a move applauded by ethnic groups, the Metro Toronto branch of St. John agreed to revise a survey that had been sent out to 1,100 volunteers, workers and supporters.

The questionnaire will be redrafted to "reflect some concerns expressed by community members" over the first survey, St. John Ambulance president Sarah Band stated in a release.

Letters telling recipients not to complete the survey have gone out and any returned questionnaires will be destroyed, Band said.

The survey had asked for views on inter-racial and inter-religious marriages and whether certain ethnic groups have too much power.

Among the questions were:

- Do you approve of marriages between: whites and blacks; Protestants and Jews; Jews and Roman Catholics (among others).
- Do you think the following groups have too much power, too little power or about the right amount of power in our nation's affairs? The choices include Jews, blacks, unions and others.
- How many persons from each of the groups below would you say you are closely acquainted with at the present time? Choices were Jews, Orientals and blacks, among others.

St. John Ambulance officials explained the survey was needed in order to "better serve" Metro's multicultural communities and to find out whether there are barriers within St. John to recruiting people from various ethnic backgrounds.

St. John "did the right thing" by pulling the plug on the survey, Karen Mock, national director of the League for Human Rights, told *The CJN*.

Mock said she expects B'nai Brith to be consulted on the revised survey, since the organization has worked closely with St. John since the controversy erupted over the first study.

But David Satok, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's community relations committee in Ontario, remains wary.

"Unless [the revised survey] is handled professionally, there's a great deal of risk in this type of polling," Satok said last week.

Three Metro St. John Ambulance officials refused to resign over the controversy, despite the request from an internal advisory committee.

Many of the original survey questions were written by Reginald Bibby, a sociology professor at the University of Alberta.

Bibby has conducted national surveys on race relations every five years since 1975.

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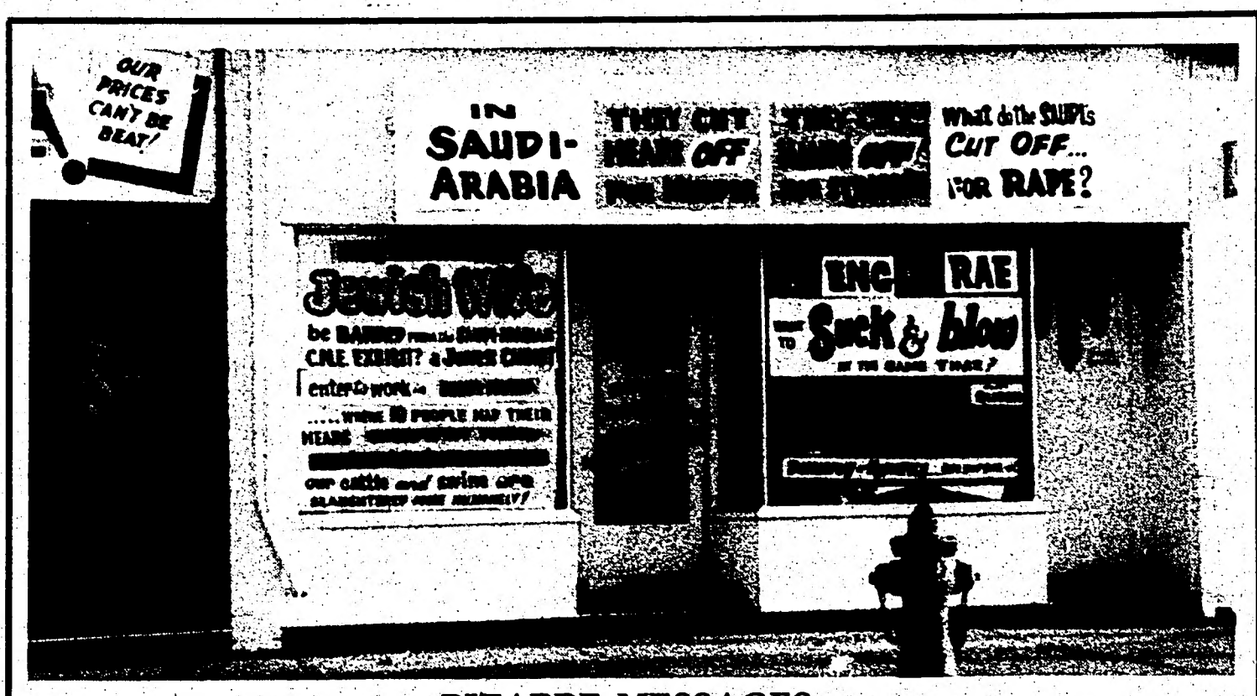

BIZARRE MESSAGES

Metro Toronto police say there is nothing they can do about these bizarre messages in a store front at 811 Gerrard St. E., as they do not constitute hatred. Canadian Jewish Congress and Ontario's ministry of citizenship, however, are investigating.

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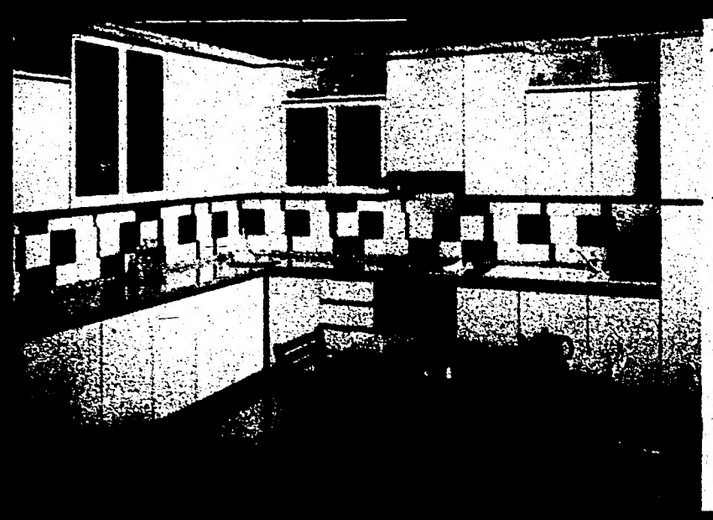

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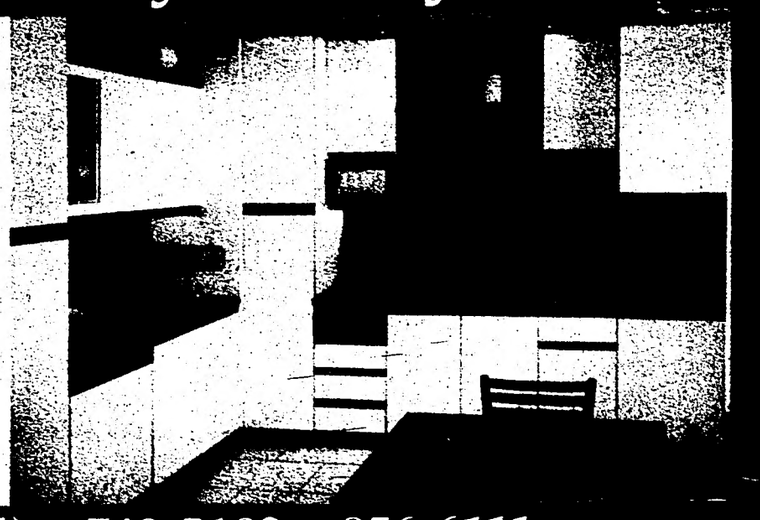

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Noted journalist Barbara Frum loses battle with leukemia

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

After an 18-year battle with leukemia, Barbara Frum died March 26 at the age of 54. The well known broadcaster was rushed to the hospital following an interview with Mordecai Richler on *The Journal* on March 10 suffering a high fever. She died of complications from leukemia.

Tributes to the polite but probing interviewer included one from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

She battled gamely against cancer, often having to lie down between interviews. When she had a series of radiation treatments at Princess Margaret hospital two summers ago, other patients and visitors approached her for autographs and she always obliged.

She told an interviewer in 1989, when the intifada was on the front pages, that no matter how many complaints the CBC received that she was a propagandist for Israel or how many phone calls she got at home from Jews asking how she could be so friendly to Arabs, she was convinced she was even-handed in her handling of the story.

The girl who grew up in Niagara Falls, Ont., the daughter of Florence and Harold Rosberg, and who attended Hebrew classes there, went on to become one of Canada's best known journalists and broadcasters.

When *The Journal* went on the air for the first time Jan. 11, 1982, no one could find Frum after the broadcast which she hosted. "Finally some one discovered her in a corner talking to her mother," said Peter Herrndorf, now chairman of TV Ontario. "She didn't want to do anything 'til she had a full postmortem report from her mother-- who told her 'it wasn't a bad effort for a last show.' "

Her mother, Florence, of Toronto, was her guide and mentor. Also surviving are her husband, Dr. Murray Frum, a dentist and now a real estate developer; three children, David, an editor with *The Wall Street Journal*, New York; Linda, a journalist, author of *A Guide to Canadian Universities*, Toronto; and Matthew, Vancouver; one granddaughter, Miranda, New York; a sister, Suzy Okun, Toronto; and a brother, Gerald Rosberg, Washington. Her father died in 1969.

Barbara Frum

After Frum discovered she had leukemia in 1974, her style of interviewing changed so that she "went right to the heart of things," according to author June Callwood. "She had no time for nonsense."

Herrndorf, a former CBC executive, said Frum phoned every one of her close associates one Saturday morning to tell them she had cancer.

She fired the doctor who told her that she had only two years to live, writer Robert Fulford said on the CBC *Morningside* radio program. Instead, Fulford said, she found one who gave her 10 to 12 years. "I don't know of anyone who survived as long as she did with leukemia."

Callwood said Frum was an expert gardener and in latter years would buy and plant only those species that would bloom immediately because she knew she had a limited time.

Herrndorf and political activist Gerald Caplan recounted how Frum had used her own money to help colleagues out of difficulty, disguising the help in a way so that they would not know it came from her.

"When Judy Lamarsh, the former cabinet minister, was dying of cancer and had few resources, Barbara phoned various people in the Liberal party and said 'you owe this woman' and they responded," said Caplan.

In 1955 Frum moved from Niagara Falls to Toronto where she met Murray Frum at a party. She was 19 when they were married in 1957, while she was attending the University of Toronto. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959.

"She was a young housewife trying her hand at a little journalism," said Fulford.

Her freelancing for newspapers and magazines led to her becoming host of CBC Radio's *As It Happens* from 1971 to 1982. One night she was interviewing the late Harold Ballard about reverses suffered by the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey club when Ballard said women had no business interviewing people about sports. "You know what women are good for, but once in a while you can leave them up off the floor," he said on the show. "Do you realize that women all over Canada can hear you?" Frum asked. Ballard's response was to hang up the phone.

Once asked if she interviewed people as a journalist or a Jew, Frum replied that she had a professional life and a private life and she kept them separate.

(The funeral was private, but a memorial service will be held at Massey Hall. Sunday April 5, 3 p.m.)

Israeli tourists face nightmare with Canadian immigration

By
DAVID LAZARUS
and
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Much relieved Israeli tourists Arie Gabay and his fiancee Etty Partouche planned to head back to Israel either last Saturday or this week harboring no ill will toward Canadian immigration officials who kept them stranded in Plattsburgh, N.Y. for three days.

"The feeling is great. It's like waking up from a nightmare," commented Gabay, 26, last Thursday, safely ensconced again at the Montreal home of his sister and brother-in-law, Sylvia and Hanan Brener. "I don't have any bad feelings."

Gabay and Partouche, 23, were finally allowed back into Canada late last Wednesday night through interventions made by the family, B'nai Brith Canada, the Israeli consulate, Canadian Jewish Congress, Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner — and finally by Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt.

But the go-ahead to enter Canada again came only after the traumatized young couple spent 72 hours at a Plattsburgh hotel frantically trying to figure out ways to get back in the face of a demand that they post a $5,000 bond. As well, Gabay charged that immigration officials spoke to the couple using racist language.

The bizarre ordeal started March 22, when Gabay and Partouche, returning over the border with Gabay's niece from a day of cross-border shopping in Plattsburgh, an hour's drive south of Montreal — tried to have their three-month tourist visas extended another three months past their March 31 deadline so they could spend Passover in Montreal.

Gabay says he never had trouble extending previous visas at the same Lacolle border crossing during past visits to Montreal in 1986 and last year.

The couple crossed back onto Canadian soil, but this time when they stopped at the immigration station to apply for the extension, Canadian officials sent them back to the United States for not having I-94 forms, customarily attached to visas of tourists to Canada entering the United States.

Immigration officials questioned the couple intensely and, according to Gabay, harshly and insultingly, including making disparaging remarks about his "looking like a criminal" and about a photo Gabay was carrying of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson.

As a result B'nai Brith League for Human Rights fired off a letter to Valcourt demanding an investigation.

The immigration officials have denied the charges, but B'nai Brith will continue to investigate the matter fully even after Gabay and Partouche have left Canada, said eastern region director Yechiel Glustein.

The couple, unable to raise the $5,000 cash bond needed to return, marked time at a hotel, which cost $45 a night.

Finally, last Wednesday, a series of calls to Weiner's office involving the family, B'nai Brith, and the Israeli consulate, spurred a sympathetic Weiner to make "immediate representations" to Valcourt, Weiner's special advisor, Neil Drabkin, told *The CJN*.

Valcourt gave the final okay for the couple to be allowed back into Canada without having to post the $5,000 bond as long as they promised to leave Canada by April 21.

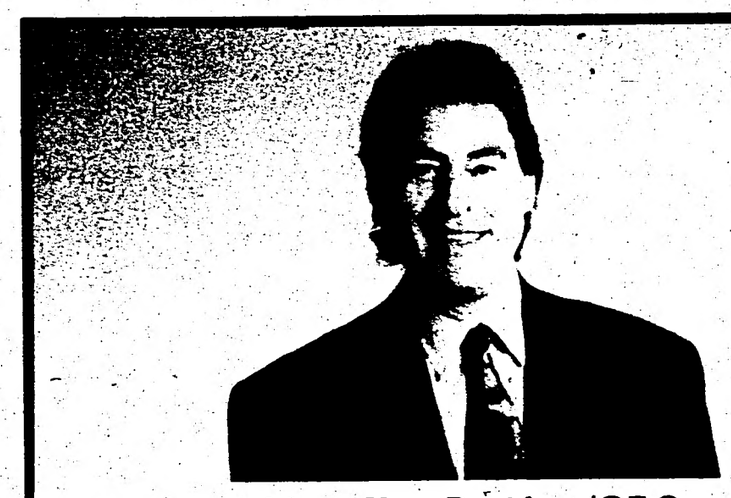
Gabay's brother-in-law, Hanan Brener, and B'nai Brith's Glustein drove to the border, respectively to sign documents and to act as a translator. "We're delighted that they were returned to Canada," Drabkin said.

Israeli Consul-General Itzhak Levanon, while declining to delve into specifics, said the consulate was involved "in every single detail" of resolving the couple's plight as part of its mandate to protect the interests of Israeli nationals abroad.

"I'm just sorry it took three days to resolve," Levanon said. "It would have helped to solve it on the spot. Canada is a great country and I don't want any Israeli to leave here with a bad taste."

According to Glustein, the couple have also been assured they will be able to return to Canada in the future without problems.

In halting English, but sounding buoyant, Gabay said he and Latouche, who will marry in three months, would like to put the whole ordeal behind them.



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Richler

Few written works in the past decade have aroused as much passion and provoked as much public discussion as a thin volume by novelist Mordecai Richler, entitled Oh Canada! Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Country. *In it, Richler inveighs against Quebec's harsh language and sign laws — held sacrosanct in most Quebec circles — and sketches a decidedly unflattering history of anti-Semitism in the province. The work appeared in abridged form last fall in a controversial* New Yorker *article, and the howls of outrage from Quebec were immediate and loud. The din was just beginning to subside when l'affaire Richler blew up anew. The release of the book, coupled with Richler's interview with the CBC's Barbara Frum (it was to be her last) resulted in a drubbing for him in francophone and some anglo circles.*

Richler's central thesis is that Quebec was and remains a fundamentally anti-Semitic, tribal, xenophobic society, rooted in such venerated institutions as the Catholic Church and various nationalist movements and their proponents, as well as in its press.

One Bloc Québécois member of Parliament called for the book's outright banning, while another BQ MP, Gilles Duceppe, termed Richler a "consummate racist with a totally decayed mind," and called on the Jewish community to denounce him. Reaction on the anglophone side has ranged from dismissing Richler as a dyspeptic, unilingual curmudgeon, to complete agreement.

The CJN*'s Ron Csillag interviewed Richler in Toronto last week.*

CJN: *How are you dealing with your new-found celebrity/notoriety? What do you make of all these ideas crashing down around you?*

Richler: I haven't noticed very many ideas. I've noticed a good deal of personal abuse in the francophone press, and a pusillanimous response from the Canadian Jewish Congress.

CJN: *What sort of response were you expecting from Canadian Jewish Congress?*

Richler: What I would have preferred was the response we have here *(pointing to* The Gazette*)* from Stephen Scheinberg (national chairman of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights) in which he says, in effect, that Canadian Jewish Congress has no responsibility for my views. *(Reading Scheinberg's remarks)* "Richler is a writer who happens to be Jewish. That imposes no special obligation on the Jewish community to evaluate his every word, whether it be fact, fiction or opinion. We cannot recall any American congressman calling upon that country's Jewish organizations to comment on Saul Bellow, Philip Roth or Woody Allen." So I just wish Canadian Jewish Congress would refuse to submit to a gentile notion that there's such a thing as a homogeneous Jewish community or that they have any responsibility for what I say. I mean, if "Jacques Godbout" or "Yves Beauchemin" or whoever makes some statements I don't agree with, I would not call the St. Jean Baptiste Society and ask them to comment.

CJN: *Are you surprised or hurt by calls from the francophone establishment to the Canadian Jewish community to either denounce your views or distance itself from them?*

Richler: There's something rather ugly about this. Here's a backbencher in the Bloc Québécois saying, "They either denounce his action or they are his accomplices." Now, do Jews have to cleanse themselves because I have written what I consider to be a fair book?

CJN: *Would you have found it palatable had the Canadian Jewish Congress or B'nai Brith simply disagreed with you?*

Richler: Oh, there's no need for them to agree with me. I'm not asking for that. They just should have had the dignity to say, "Mr. Richler has his own opinions and they have nothing to do with us." I mean, it's possible the government of Albania or the SPCA or Black & Decker Tools don't agree with what I say, but they don't feel compelled to comment on it.

CJN: *But if it's your contention that Quebec is more anti-Semitic than the rest of Canada, would it not be incumbent on the Jewish community to refute that, if it felt it was wrong?*

Richler: They could, and I would respect their opinions as much as they would disagree with mine, but a mealy-mouthed bureaucratic response . . . Look, the people I've met at Canadian Jewish Congress are dedicated. They're certainly not working for huge salaries, but they are the civil servants to the community they represent. And so they're given to be as pleasing as possible or not to be troublesome in any way, which leads to hedging, mealy-mouthed responses. *(Reading from* The Gazette*)* "Some of our youth are leaving." But it doesn't say that 30,000 Jews have left Montreal since 1976! Now, why can't they put the numbers in? Because they're frightened.

I'm not really a fan of Alan Dershowitz but in his book, *Chutzpah*, he retells a very good Jewish joke about two Jews being sentenced to death by the Czar. Before the firing squad, an officer in charge offers them each a blindfold. The first

Jew says, "No, you can stuff your blindfold." And the second Jew says, "Shh, don't make trouble!" Well, I'm afraid that's my feeling about Congress. I do understand that they have to reflect, or take into account, the views of the entire Jewish community. I don't. I'm a free agent.

CJN: *Do you consider yourself part of the so-called Jewish community?*

Richler: Yes I do. But I'm a party of one. I'm not a spokesman for anything and the Jewish Congress is not a spokesman for me. So I resent this paternalism. And I also think they're not truly representing their constituency. Look, they're not dishonorable men. But the first comment from Congress was an interview in *Le Devoir* with a man called Schlesinger. And the first paragraph said that I had said reprehensible things in the interview with Barbara Frum. I met him at a lunch recently and I asked him, "Did you see the interview?" No, he didn't see the interview. He hadn't read my book. Where does he get off giving an interview to *Le Devoir?* He said the interview lasted a half-hour. I said it didn't last a half-hour; it lasted 11 minutes. Now, if he had seen the interview and didn't like it, he could say what he wants. But I mean, this is preposterous.

CJN: *Pierre Foglia of* La Presse *wrote of the uproar that would have ensued had the word "Jew" been substituted for "French" in your book. Do you find that disingenuous?*

Richler: Yes, that is disingenuous. Look, I said that when francophone Quebecers take to the street and chant, "Le Québéc aux Québécois," this is not a call for universal brotherhood, this is not a celebration of cultural diversity, it is a tribal chant. I found that in private, Congress officials did not disagree with that. Whether they would say it in public, I don't know. There is also this anger over my comments about *Le Devoir* in the '30s and '40s (comparing the Montreal daily then to the Third Reich's *Der Sturmer*), which some people thought were excessive. I don't know how many of those people have seen the articles I have seen. They're not just a few, as Peter Desbarats says in *Le Devoir*, they're one thousand. They are so primitive, so awful, I couldn't believe it. I must remind you that in 1941, the founder of *Le Devoir*, Henri Bourassa and the then editor, who had written many an anti-Semitic article, and the St. Jean Baptiste Society, which had sent 100,000 signatures to the federal government saying there was a Jewish conspiracy to farm the land of Quebec, held a rally in support of the (French) fascist regime of Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval. This was in 1941. Had they done this in France, in 1945 they would have been charged as collaborators. So why is everyone on my case?

CJN: *Possibly because you're claiming that Quebec is more anti-Semitic than the rest of Canada.*

Richler: *I'm* not claiming that. What I'm doing is quoting three independent, academic surveys. The first one, a York University survey, has been questioned by (*La Presse* columnist) Lysiane Gagnon because there's some controversy over the way it was translated. There are two other surveys. The last one, by Environics, which deals with 14,000 Canadians, concludes that attitudinal anti-Semitism is a bigger problem in Quebec than in the rest of Canada. I'm not saying it's a problem like it was in the '30s and '40s. They're not marching down The Main saying, "Kill the Jews." But (McGill University professor) Pierre Anctil has the audacity to say that after 1945, there were no longer any anti-Semitic comments in *Le Devoir*. There were six million fewer of us in 1945!

I have not said anywhere that Claude Ryan's *Le Devoir* or that even Lise Bissonnette's *Le Devoir* is anti-Semitic. But it does have that tainted history. And nationalism does have those roots. I'm told again and again that Abbé (Lionel) Groulx in an unthreatening figure, but there are conferences and an institute (named for him) and most recently, Yves Cormier wrote in *La Presse* that he (Groulx) was a "spiritual anti-Semite." Now what in the hell is a spiritual anti-Semite? And why does Cormier, when he writes about me in *La Presse*, refer to me as "l'écrivain juif"?

Only three days ago, the music critic of *La Presse*, talking about a pianist called Bronfman — I'm paraphrasing — said he doesn't suffer from the schmaltz that is common to musicians of Jewish origin. Now, I don't mind if he isolates one musician and says his playing is schmaltzy. But this is a racist remark.

CJN: *Do you regret comparing* Le Devoir *to* Der Sturmer?

Richler: No, I don't. But if I had known it would loom so large, I don't know whether I would have used it. I was just so startled (by the reaction).

CJN: *You seem more upset about the decades of anti-Semitism that came from the Catholic church in Quebec than about the decades of institutional anti-Semitism in the WASP bastions of Toronto.*

Richler: No. I've written about anglophone Montreal and about Toronto in many other books before, so there's no need to repeat them here. I was put in this position. In the long *New Yorker* piece, I said that *Le Devoir* had a long and disgraceful history of anti-Semitism. Then, (*Le Devoir* publisher) Lise Bissonnette charged, in effect, that this wasn't documented, and so did Lysiane Gagnon. So it was incumbent on me to document it. I also think this is a red herring, a diversion. The major part of the book deals with the repressive language laws in Quebec, and they can make no defense of those. We got this controversy (over anti-Semitism) instead.

CJN: *Why do Quebecers seem so sensitive about anti-Semitism, as opposed to charges of other forms of discrimination?*

Richler: I guess it's hit a very raw nerve and there must be a certain amount of guilt. I mean, it began with the Church. It was inbred there. It's true there was WASP anti-Semitism in Montreal, but they didn't march down the street, calling for the killing of Jews.

CJN: *They did in Toronto, at the Christie Pits riot in 1933.*

Richler: Yeah, that's true, but I'm dealing with the environment I come from.

CJN: *What would you like Quebec society to be like?*

Richler: I would like to see more tolerance of cultural diversity. I would not trample on the rights of anglophones in Quebec. They have a history of decisive injury, which is not totally paranoid. I just don't want anyone trampling on my rights. It turns out that we don't have rights, we have privileges, and they have rights. This is a kind of jingoism. Again, this is a tribal situation. As other Jewish organizational observers have said, we're in for bad economic times and there could be trouble. There has been a history of trouble with previous nationalist movements in Quebec. The Bloc Populaire, the Ligue pour la défense du Canada and so on, had strong anti-Semitic sentiments.

CJN: *Many say you're simply fuelling the fires of discord between anglophones and francophones, and between francophones and Jews, at a very sensitive time in our history.*

Richler: I'm so tired of that shlepper's Jewish argument.

CJN: *It's an argument that's been heard outside the Jewish community.*

Richler: Yeah, that's true. I don't subscribe to it. I think this has to be told.

CJN: *Have you received any positive feedback about the book?*

Richler: A lot. Mostly from anglophones and Jews, but from French Canadians as well.

CJN: *Do you think the original* New Yorker *article caused the fuss it did because it appeared mostly in the United States?*

Richler: Yes. It made fun of a ridiculous law and (French Quebecers) are very sensitive about that, as well they should be.

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CJN: *Why haven't you learned French at a time when more and more anglophones agree that living in Quebec and not being able to speak French is scandalous?*

Richler: Well, I left Quebec when I was 19 and I was gone for 20 years. I've studied French three times. I've studied German, Spanish and modern Hebrew. I'm just not very good at these things. So when I came back in '72 with my wife, we put the three eldest children in French-language schools, and the two youngest in French immersion so that they wouldn't have that problem. I can read a French newspaper but I couldn't read a novel. I've tried.

CJN: *Where do you see the future of Montreal's Jewish community?*

Richler: I think it's unfortunately going, going, gone. I guess it's been diminished by 30,000. It's an aging community. The kids have gone. families have been broken up. I meet people in Toronto who really miss Montreal, miss the French. So who needed this? It's a great loss to Quebec. I just don't think it was necessary. With all the crises in the world, I can't understand this one.

CJN: *You don't appreciate it as a struggle of a people for its place in the sun, as other dispossessed peoples have struggled?*

Richler: But they're not dispossed. I consider their frequent comparisons to blacks not based on real experience but on self-pity. It's never been like that. I've also said that had Quebec been an American state, francophone culture would have gone the way of Louisiana ages ago, which would have been a great loss to Canada.

CJN: *Where do you see the (proposed October) referendum going?*

Richler: I don't know what the referendum's going to be about, whether on the question of independence or the federal option. My theory is that if it's close, 52 or 53 percent in favor of staying in Canada, there are going to be a lot of disappointed nationalists who had worked very hard for their dream of independence and it's going to get hot for les autres, those who are not francophone. In the last referendum, René Levesque, who was not an unreasonable man, warned the English, "Don't deprive the Quebecois of their rights." So I just hope it's 60-40 either way.

CJN: *If you were a few years younger and just graduating from university, would you leave Quebec?*

Richler: Yes.

CJN: *Why?*

Richler: I'd feel unwelcome. But I'm in a privileged position. I use a typewriter, so it's easy for me to stay. But if I were 20, I'd leave.

CJN: *What concrete measures can the Jewish community take to cushion the blow of Quebec nationalism?*

Richler: We've already shown enormous goodwill. The most bilingual community in Quebec traditionally has been the Jewish community. And there's a large Sephardic factor. I don't see how it could do more. It's not antagonistic and never has been, but they're leaving. So there has to be something there.

CJN: *Is it your feeling that the Jewish establishment has been weak-kneed in dealing with Quebec governments?*

Richler: Yes. When (Equality Party leader) Robert Libman ran in (the predominantly Jewish riding of) D'Arcy McGee, the heavies in the Jewish community came out and said, "Don't cause trouble." This is shtetl-like nonsense. I mean, we're citizens too. That made me very angry.

I'd like to point out that in the book, I'm just as critical of the Reform Party and of Brian Mulroney. I don't think the book's unfair; it's very critical.

Lettre ouverte à Mordecai Richler

JEAN-CHARLES CHEBAT

Monsieur Mordecai Richler

Monsieur l'écrivain très prestigieux:

Vous revoilà donc, vingt ans après! Modèle mi-fils prodigue, mi-fils prodige: pompeux, ronflant, donneur de leçons, pédant et fatiguant. A-t-on jamais vu que quelqu'un quitte un pays le temps d'une génération et explique au monde et à ce pays ce que ce pays est devenu? Il faut un manque certain de respect pour son public. Mais faut-il que vous vous taisiez parce que vous n'avez plus rien à dire?

Je m'appelle Chebat, viex nom juif dérivé de Chabat. Je suis fier de ce nom et de mon identité. Souvent, on m'appelle Chabot. Je rectifie: C-H-E-B-A-T. Les québécois avec qui je vis le savent et me respectent pour le fait même que je suis qui je suis. Mes collègues de l'UQAM (Université de Québec à Montréal), université francophone à 100 pour cent, fortement nationaliste, m'ont élu à deux reprises les deux fois où je me suis présenté à des postes électifs importants: la Commission des études et le Conseil d'administration. Et les deux fois avec des majorités confortables.

Ceux de mes collègues avec qui je travaille plus étroitement, avec qui j'écris des articles, fait de la recherche, dirige des thèses ou mémoires sont aussi des amis que je respecte et que j'aime et j'ai tout lieu de penser que c'est réciproque. Lorsque je fus président de l'Appel juif unifié (section francophone), j'ai reçu, sans le solliciter, une demi-douzaine de contributions de mes collègues québécois francophones, dits "pure-laine".

Pendant la guerre du Golfe après une intervention dans une assemblée publique et télévisée où je vous aurais volontiers laissé ma place, j'ai reçu des appels et des visites de collègues de l'UQAM pour dire combien ils admiraient le courage et la détermination d'Israël face à Saddam Hussein. Face à cette question qui a fait vibrer tant de québécois, juifs ou non, on attend encore avec intérêt votre opinion et votre implication. C'était pourtant le moment de parler et d'agir.

Je crois sincèrement que tout cela, c'est-à-dire Israël et la communauté juive, ne vous intéresse pas. La vie juive ne vous intéresse guère sinon peut-être exclusivement pour déblatérer. Vos personnages juifs sont les reflets des plus crasseux stéréotypes anti-juifs. Un juif qui reprend à son compte les plus éculées des images du juif, c'est bizarre, ça se remarque, c'est crédible et ça se vend bien. Yves Thériault dans son *Aaron* n'a jamais imaginé sur cette communauté le tiers du fiel que vous avez déversé sur elle. Votre indifférence méprisante pour les traditions juives, votre détachement arrogant pour les institutions juives sont connus, presque proverbiaux. De juif, il vous reste le nom, mais certes pas les attitudes: ni la rigueur de Chamaï, ni l'ouverture d'esprit de Hillel. Vous êtes devenu un boutiquier de la littérature.

A bien y penser, je ne suis pas certain du tout que le thème même de votre dernier bouquin vous intéresse vraiment. Il y a bien longtemps que vous n'avez pas livré quelque chose de vraiment bon: votre "apprenticeship" remonte à belle lurette et votre "Saint-Urbain's Knight" a dû perdre sa Rossinante. Vous n'êtes au fond rien d'autre que le pendant anglophone de Claude Jasmin: lui aussi a perdu l'inspiration depuis son "Pleure pas Germaine", lui aussi a dû presser ses neurones viellissants et constater que le jus se fait rare et bien pâle. Alors, comme vous, il s'est touvé un cheval de bataille qui le porterait jusqu'à ce qu'il nous dise un dernier adieu. Il a décidé de donner dans la littérature pour cerveaux en voix de contraction: la haine et le mépris. Car lui aussi sait bien qu'il n'arrivera jamais à égaler le Godbout, Bessette ou Ferron. Il lui reste la consolation qu'il a trouvée sur le dos des juifs hassidiques. Vous, vous avez trouvé les francophones québécois. Vous et Jasmin formez un couple harmonieux, symétrique, de vieux croutons rassis, teigneux et inutilement bruyants. Une image me vient. Je vous vois l'un et l'autre de part et d'autre de ma rangée de bouquins, rendus à la taille de serre-livres et, enfin, servant à quelque chose dans notre société. Quelle chance vous avez donc d'être écrivain: vous n'êtes pas tenu à la rigueur d'une méthodologie qui reflète "la" réalité; il suffit que vous décriviez votre réalité sur le mode personnel intimiste du romancier. Mais il serait bon que la réalité dont vous vous faites le peintre soit, cependant, actuelle.

Cher Mordecai, occupez-vous donc des oignons que vous connaissez: le Québec a changé et Groulx est mort (Arcand, je veux dire Adrien, est mort aussi). Je ne sais pas trop où sont leurs fils spirituels et je n'en ai guère rencontré au cours de mes vingt-deux ans de carrière universitaire.

Par contre je sais où les Zundel, Ross et autres corniauds racistes ont pris racine et ce n'est pas ici. Le saviez-vous?

Ayant ré lu ma lettre, je me dis que je viens de perdre quelques dizaines de minutes que j'aurais pu utiliser à lire un article ou préparer mon cours de jeudi prochain ou me détendre avec un bon bouquin. Tout cela est bien futile, car c'est vous qui avez gagné. Au mieux cet article-ci sera publié dans le journal auquel je compte l'envoyer: il alimentera donc la controverse que vous recherchez. Oui, vous avez gagné. Votre petit bouquin va se vendre et, je l'espère, contribuer à vous procurer une retraite déjà bien méritée depuis le temps que vous n'avez plus rien à dire.

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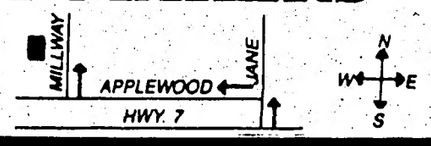

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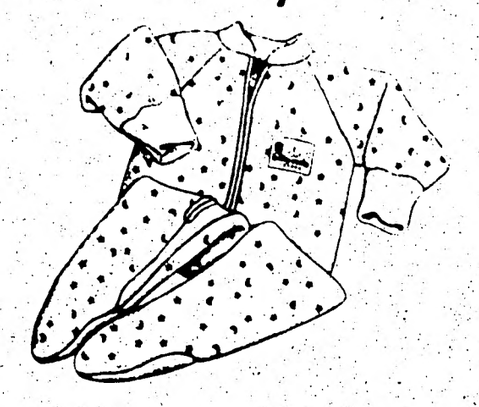

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Sephardi leader honored

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Morocco has conferred one of its highest honors on the outgoing president of the Ontario Sephardi Federation, Simon Keslassy.

At a ceremony in Rabat on March 4, the Moroccan capital, Keslassy was awarded the Al Istihqaq Al-Watan medal.

Keslassy — a 44-year-old native of Morocco — received it on behalf of King Hassan II from Rafik Haddaoui, the minister of Moroccan communities abroad.

Keslassy, the only Jew to be so honored at this year's ceremony marking the 31st anniversary of King Hassan's enthronement, was cited for fostering good relations between Morocco and Moroccan Jews in Canada.

There are about 32,000 Jews of Moroccan origin in Canada, mainly in Montreal and Toronto. According to Keslassy, the Ontario Sephardi Federation is the representative body of some 12,000 to 15,000 Sephardi Jews in Ontario. Keslassy, who has headed the federation since 1988, vacated the position on March 29.

After the ceremony, Keslassy had an audience with the Moroccan monarch. He presented the king with five silver medals commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain.

Like many Sephardi Jews, Keslassy traces his ancestry back to Spain.

Keslassy said the king was "very, very impressed" with the medals, a gift of the Ontario Sephardi Federation.

"The king's message was: 'God help you and the Jewish community of Canada.' He said the Moroccan government is proud of the Moroccan Jewish community in Canada."

Keslassy said that King Hassan II has consistently maintained cordial ties with Moroccan Jewry. "We've never forgotten his positive attitude to Jews. We see in the king a man of peace and integrity, a man who respects the Jewish religion."

Morocco is home to the largest Jewish community in the Arab world — 14,000, by Keslassy's count. In recent years, the community has dwindled.

In 1977, Morocco was the venue of a secret meeting between the then Israeli foreign minister, Moshe Dayan, and a senior Egyptian diplomat. This encounter paved the way for Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in November of that year.

In 1986, Shimon Peres, in his capacity as Israeli prime minister, went to Morocco and conferred with King Hassan on the peace process.

Morocco, a member of the Arab League, hosted an Arab summit in 1974 which recognized the PLO as the "sole, legitimate" representative of the Palestinians.

Born in Tangiers, Keslassy immigrated to Toronto in 1970 with his wife, Sally, and their son, Jack. Keslassy's brother and sister already lived in Toronto. Although his entire family left Morocco, Keslassy still owns property there.

A jeweller, Keslassy has visited Morocco eight times since emigrating. He explained that Jews of Moroccan descent, even those residing in Israel, have no problem visiting their former homeland.

While in Rabat, the minister of Moroccan communities abroad tendered a kosher lunch for Keslassy and other ex-Moroccans, Muslims and Jews alike.

To the best of his knowledge, Keslassy said, two other Jews of Moroccan origin are in possession of the Al Istihqaq Al-Watan medal — Elias Malka, founding president of the Canadian Sephardic Federation and Lillian Shalom, president of the American Sephardi Federation.

Simon Keslassy (left) presents medals to King Hassan II of Morocco (right). In centre is Moroccan minister of Moroccan communities abroad.

JNF to honor B.C. citizens

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
Vancouver's annual Negev Dinner will honor a dozen leading citizens this year. They are members of the honorary board of the Jewish National Fund's B.C. Forest in Israel project.

The dinner is scheduled for April 12, at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The honorees include John Fraser, Speaker of the House of Commons, who is a Vancouver MP; Senator Jack Austin; Thomas Allan Buell, chairman of Wildlife Habitat Canada; Sergiu Comissina, conductor of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Jack Diamond, one of the community's leading philanthropists; Lucille Johnstone, chairman and CEO of Integrated Ferry Consrtruction Ltd,; Grace McCarthy, a former provincial cabinet minister; Nathan Nemetz, former chief justice of British Columbia; Senator Ray Perrault; David Radler, president and CEO of Hollinger, Inc., publisher of the *Jerusalem Post*; Andrew Saxton, a former chairman of the Vancouver United Way; and Joe Segal, active in Jewish community affairs and 1988 winner of the city's Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Naomi Frankenburg is chairman of the Forest in Israel project.

Ottawa approves anti-hatred policy

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Regional Council of the Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton last week adopted a regulation that the region's facilities not be made available to those who are likely to incite discrimination, contempt or hatred versus identifiable groups.

The policy would apply to demonstrations, rallies and meetings, regional solicitor Doug Cameron said.

The move was applauded by Ruth Kahane, spokesman for the Ottawa Jewish Community Council (OJCC), who called the policy an example to other communities.

"We are also pressing the province of Ontario to put guidelines in place to prohibit the voice of racism from being spoken in provincially-funded platforms such as the Ottawa Congress Centre, where David Irving spoke in October 1990," she said.

(Irving is a World War II history writer who has denied gas chambers were used to kill Jews or that Hitler knew of any mass killings.)

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights said the region's policy was an important and symbolic step to combat racists and bigots and League spokesman Ian Kagedan, who helped the region devise the language used in the policy, said Ottawa was taking the lead on the issue.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said Congress had been "working closely with the provincial government to develop a strategy on trying to ensure that bigots and racists are not given a government stage from which to spread their views."

He said John Piper, the premier's director of communications, had told him the government was committed to not give racists a public stage.

The language adopted by the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Council states that "public space, facilities and property within the jurisdiction of [Ottawa-Carleton] will not be made available. . . to any individual or group that espouses or promotes views and ideas which are likely to promote discrimination, contempt or hatred to any person on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, family status, sexual preference or disability."

Spurred also by Irving's speaking tour, the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations last September asked the city solicitor for a legal opinion on "whether City Council could advise the operators of city-owned, private facilities and community halls that it would not be perceived in the public interest to rent or allow the use of these facilities by groups who spread their philosophy of hatred against identifiable groups."

A legal opinion hasn't yet been delivered.

Business mission planned

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Wilson said Canada was "planning a number of business missions to Israel in the upcoming year in such areas as advanced technology products, prefabricated housing and building products, and biotechnology."

Michael Wilson

He said "Canada's Export Development Corporation has offered the Israeli Ministry of Finance a $100 million line of credit for the housing sector. This offer has not to date been taken up by the Israeli government, but we hope it will be soon."

The minister concluded by reviewing Canada's agenda at the JEC: "We will look at priority sectors that match Canadian and Israeli capability and commercial interests in such areas as housing and construction, environmental technology, and telecommunications. We will also be examining science and technology co-operation with a view to suggesting the priority areas that have the greatest potential for long-term scientific partnerships."

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Canadian officials take action against Iran's anti-Israel stamps

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

Canada has asked Iran to withdraw two Iranian postage stamps that depict violence against Israel.

Last week, Iran's ambassador to Canada, Mohammad Lavassani, was called in by officials at the External Affairs Department, who expressed Ottawa's anger at the stamps.

External Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* that Canada is "deeply concerned and angered" by the stamps.

The first depicts a boy hurling a rock at a window with a Star of David on it. The 50-rial stamp was Iran's contribution to the 1991 International Day of the Child.

The second, a more recent 100-rial denomination, shows four Star of David-labelled bayonets aimed at a map of Israel.

Moore said Lavassani promised to make Canada's views known to his government.

Ottawa will also raise the matter with postal officials in Iran, through Canada's Embassy in Teheran.

As well, Canada will take the matter up with Canada Post and through our embassy in Berne, Switzerland, Moore added.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU), which sets regulations for international postal services, is headquartered in Berne.

Moore said the stamps appear to be "against the spirit" of UPU regulations, which forbid stamp designs that are offensive to people or nations.

Late last month, Mike Harris, leader of Ontario's Progessive Conservative party, condemned the stamp depicting the rock-throwing boy as "outrageous, offensive and totally unacceptable."

The stamp is "blatant and violent anti-Semitism," Harris said in a release.

He called on the federal and provincial governments to protest Iran's use of "anti-Semitic propaganda by every means possible."

Harris wrote to Premier Bob Rae and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, denouncing Iran's "intolerable and despicable" act.

He urged Mulroney to instruct Canada Post not to accept any incoming mail bearing the stamp.

The stamp has been condemned by Israel and the United States.

B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs expressed its concerns to Canada Post, the UPU and to Lavassani.

The stamps "can easily be read as inciting violence against Israel and Jews," BB Israel affairs committee chairman Sheldon Lerman said.

BB issues anti-racism stamp

TORONTO —

In commemoration of the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada is launching a public education campaign to Stamp Out Racism. This initiative is part of a series of eductional awareness programs sponsored by the League.

The Leage conducted a competition for students at the Ontario College of Art. The contest's objective was the development of a stamp which best expressed the theme Help Stamp Out Racism. Submissions were judged on visual impact in conveying an anti-racist, pro-harmony image, suitability for use as a stamp, general creativity, and quality rendering. An outstanding design has been selected by a team of highly qualified judges.

The winning entry was submitted by Karen Hoffman a fourth year Graphic Design student at OCCA.

"Miss Hoffman's design best exemplified the notice of unity, diversity and harmony in Canada," said Karen Mock, national director of the League.

"Our panel of professionals from the design and advertising fields as well as human rights and race relations organizations were unanimous in their view that Miss Hoffman's design was in a class by itself. She has won the entire prize," added Mock.

"I designed the stamps to represent unity within diversity. Each stamp works individually, however the stamps have the best impact when they are together in a group. I wanted the overall impression to be one of hope," said Hoffman.

"It was a wonderful, challenging competition and a great thrill to have had my design deemed so worthy by an organization as well respected as the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada," she added.

MINISTERS MEET

Canada's international trade minister Michael Wilson (centre) was the keynote speaker at a recent luncheon hosted by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce (CICC). Seen here with him are (from left) Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef, Israeli deputy prime minister and minister of trade Moshe Nissim, CICC president David Goldstein and Canada's ambassador to Israel Norman Spector. [Alron photo]

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MOSHIACH MATTERS

On the 29th of Iyar, 5749 (June 3, 1989), the Rebbe noted that the coming year -תש"נ, formed an acronym for the Hebrew words, תהא שנת נסים – "This will be a year of miracles." Soon it became clear that the Rebbe's statements were no mere play on words. Within a very short time, cataclysmic upheavals overwhelmed one despotic regime after another, the Soviet bloc collapsed, and the potential for world peace blossomed.

This unanticipated spiral had a dramatic impact on the Jewish people. Jews who for seventy years had been denied even a glimpse of a Torah scroll, could now send their children to a "Cheder" and practice Judaism in the open, without fear. The first waves of Jewish emigration, dammed back for decades, surged eagerly southward to kiss the soil of *Eretz Yisrael*.

Maimonides' Laws of Kings Chapter 11 Paragraph 4:

If a King arises from the House of David, who meditates on the Torah and occupies himself with the commandments like his ancestor David, in accordance with the written and oral Torah, and he will prevail upon all of Israel to walk in the ways of the Torah and strengthen its breaches, and he will fight the battles of G-d, it should be assumed that he is Moshiach.

Months before the following Jewish year began, at a public gathering on the 17th of Iyar, 5750 (May 12, 1990), the Rebbe proclaimed the year to come, תשנ"א 5751 - "This will be a year when 'I (G-d) will show you wonders.'"

In August 1990, Saddam Hussein marched the armies of Iraq into Kuwait, plunging the entire world into panic. As people throughout the world - whether they were heads of government, opinion-makers in the media, or man in the street - reacted in fear, the Rebbe spread a message of quiet optimism stating that "Israel is the safest place," citing the now-renowned Midrash "Yalkut Shimoni" where such a war and it's outcome, is predicted as an event just prior to the coming of Moshiach.

As the new year, 5752, approached, the Rebbe promised that the miraculous momentum of the previous years would be continued. This year would be "a year imbued with wonders" and "a year of wonders in all things." Furthermore, he tied these wonders to the Redemption. Noting that the Hebrew word for "in all things" *(bakol)* recalls the familiar threefold expression of blessing associated with our Patriarch - *bakol mikol kol.*

As the year began, we saw the Rebbe's words come to fruition. In a dramatic turn of events the Communist Party dissolved out of existence; the mighty Soviet Union disintegrated; the pride of the long-dreaded Kremlin was deflated.

Significantly, the final moves in this direction took place a few short weeks after the Kremlin had hosted an undreamed-of assemblage. Ten thousand exultant Jewish Muscovites packed its Palace of Congresses as participants in the world wide satellite video hook-up on Chanukah this year. Millions of people joined to see the Rebbe as he delivered his annual Chanukah message, while Moscow's audience was situated in the heart of the Kremlin! As one elder Chassid in New York commented, the Kremlin had evidently undergone a trauma that night that was more than it could withstand...

The Alter Rebbe Founder of Chabad Chassidism said, "When Moshiach will come it will appear in the 'Gazetten' i.e. the media!" This stage is now also being actualized. Over the last few weeks Jewish belief in the imminent onset of the Messianic age has received worldwide media coverage.

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50 Years Ago ...a look back

HITLER TO "LIQUIDATE" GHETTO

STOCKHOLM, March 2, 1942 (JTA) —

A plan to "liquidate" the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw and to transfer all the 500,000 Jews confined there to a "reservation" in the Lublin district is now being worked out by Nazi authorities in Berlin, according to a report published in the Nazi newspaper *Warschauer Zeitung*.

The report says that the order to prepare such a plan came directly from Hitler. The plan provides that the Warsaw ghetto is to become "Judenrein" by the end of 1946.

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CZECH JEWS ORDERED CONFINED

LONDON, March 3, 1942 (JTA) —

All 90,000 Jews in the Czech Protectorate will be rounded up and confined in a prison fortress in Bohemia, to remain there, isolated from the rest of the world, under an order issued by Reinhold Heydrich, the Nazi "protector" who was formerly the chief of the Gestapo in Berlin under Himmler.

The prison fortress where the Jews will be held is located in Terezin, northwestern Bohemia.

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BORISOV JEWS EXECUTED

MOSCOW, March 3, 1942 (JTA) —

The mass-execution by the Nazis of 15,000 Jews in the occupied town of Borisov, 75 miles west of Smolensk, was described here by two commanders of Soviet guerilla detachments who, after long months of operating behind the Nazi lines, reached Moscow.

The two leaders of the Russian partisan fighters both stated that the policy of the German administration in the occupied Soviet territory is "to completely exterminate the Jews." Under the pretext that the Jews are helping the Russian guerillas, mass executions of Jews are taking place in practically every town and village in occupied white Russia.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARABS SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, March 11, 1942 (JTA) —

The Jewish Agency for Palestine will directly approach Arab leaders for negotiations with a view of reaching an agreement satisfactory to both sides, it was announced here at the session of the Jewish Constituent Assembly (Assefath Hanivcharim) by Moshe Sherlock, head of the Agency's political department.

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NEW HUNGARIAN PREMIER

ZURICH, March 12, 1942 (JTA) —

Jews in Hungary, sensitive to any changes in the Hungarian government, are reported today as satisfied with the fact that Nicholas von Kallay, former minister of agriculture, was this week appointed premier, succeeding Dr. Ladislaus de Bardossy, who resigned "for reasons of ill health" after resisting German pressure for increased Hungarian military aid on the Soviet front.

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U.S. INTERVENTION URGED

NEW YORK, March 12, 1942 (JTA) —

The U.S. government was urged to intervene with the British government to secure modification of the policy of admitting Jewish refugees into Palestine, in a resolution adopted at a mass meeting arranged by the American emergency committee for Zionist affairs at the Cosmopolitan Opera House here.

The meeting mourned the death of the more than 750 Jewish refugees from Romania who lost their lives in the waters of the Black Sea on the freighter Struma, after being refused admission to Palestine.

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240,000 JEWS EXECUTED

NEW YORK, March 13, 1942 (JTA) —

Two hundred and forty thousand Jews who had been deported from Germany and all parts of Central Europe to the German-held Ukraine were murdered by the Gestapo, according to the testimony of Hungarian soldiers returning from the eastern front, it was revealed here by S. Bertrand Jacobson, American relief worker, who left Budapest with the American diplomatic mission on Jan. 16.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

CORRIGENDA

Onomatology is the science of the formation of names. Insofar as it pertains to determining the origin and meaning of Jewish surnames, I confess that it falls short of a science.

Because surnames were arbitrarily adopted, changed, abbreviated, misspelled and otherwise mutilated, there is a large element of speculation in exploring their origin and meaning.

I cite three examples drawn to my attention by perceptive readers.

Dr. Arnold Noyek submitted a well-researched study of his surname to demolish my theory (Dec. 26, 1991) that it emanated from the Biblical character Noah.

Prof. Sanford Borins queried my attribution (Jan. 23, 1992) of the Polish shtetl of Borinya to his surname since the family originated in the Ukraine, near a neighboring village of Stavische. This compelled a review which resulted in my locating the village of Brin (Bryn) near Stavische and Kiev in the Ukraine which appears more authentic.

And Harold Soupcoff's skepticism of my associating his name with Subkovy in Poland (June 16, 1988) led me to substitute Shubkov (Szubkow) in the Ukraine.

My friend, Mannie Grossman, has corrected me in tracing the name Da Costa to Portugal (Feb. 13, 1992) rather than Spain.

To avoid an avalanche of critical letters, I hasten to explain that the heading of this article does not refer to a Jewish name. It is Latin for corrections.

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REICHZEIG

George Richards, the fastidious clothier of oversized men, tells me that his original name was Reichzeig. My brother-in-law, Ellis Rich, is also a converted Reichzeig. It conveys the meaning of well-dressed, literally "rich display."

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DERSHOWITZ

Alan M. Dershowitz, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and author of the best-seller *Chutzpah* refers to the origin of his surname in his book.

A religious kinsman speculates that it is derived from the Hebrew word "drasha" which means a lecture or sermon.

The other and more probable alternative is the town where the ancestral family once lived — Dershov on the German-Polish border.

Quebec sovereignty a possibility: Allaire

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Quebecers will opt for sovereignty if greater powers are not devolved to the province by Ottawa, Jean Allaire, the architect of the Quebec Liberal party's constitutional platform, told a synagogue audience recently.

Quebec is now caught in a "vicious circle," he said, where any suggestion of centralization will drive more people to sovereignty, he said.

Most sovereignists today are "ordinary" Quebecers who have "given up hope of finding common ground with the rest of Canada," Allaire said at the Shaare Zedek Congregation.

Allaire's controversial report, released in January, 1991, called for a radical decentralization of powers in Canada, with the federal government left with exclusive authority over little more than defence, customs and currency. If not, a referendum on sovereignty would be held.

It was adopted by the Quebec Liberal party in March of that year, with only the report's call for the abolition of the Senate softened.

In his talk, Allaire chose to emphasize the economic restructuring his report described, and said, "If we are to survive and flourish, we must have most control over the major levers of our development."

He said it must be understood that "drastic changes" must take place in Canada; nevertheless, Allaire's tone was pro-federalist and hopeful. "The objective of the Liberal party of Quebec is to find a solution that a strong majority are able to accept," he said.

He expressed hope that the federal constitutional proposals will be "bold" enough for Quebecers to "reverse the pro-sovereignty tide." The proposals must contain decentralization to all provinces and "particular status" for Quebec, he said.

Allaire praised the European Community, but said Canada should not copy that model; rather it should find an "authentically Canadian" one.

"Federalism is the best system of government in the world, but it must be flexible, with a true division of power between the central government and the provinces," he said.

He appealed to the Jewish community to "be part of the solution in a positive manner" and return to the Liberal fold.

"We know Bill 178 is an irritant to most of you. You can sit and complain or whine, or jump on the wagon and be part of the solution. The Parti Quebecois doesn't have the solution, and neither does the Equality party, and you know it," he said.

Allaire was a member of a panel discussion entitled The Constitutional Dilemma: An Analysis, along with Concordia University history professor Graeme Decarie, lawyer Julius Grey (both outspoken federalists and anglophone rights defenders), and Max Bernard, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' national unity committee.

Bernard said the Jews feel left out of the current debate and have the feeling that if they are not "pure laine Quebecois" their opinion is irrelevant. "If our kids think they are excluded and have no future, they will leave," he said.

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Israeli, Canadian businesses launch talks to improve trade

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The official program hadn't concluded yet, but the Israeli and Canadian businessmen and women present began filing out of the hotel reception room for private meetings to discuss their prospects of doing business together.

The pep talks were behind them and it was time to get down to the tachlis — the brass tacks — of actual ventures and investments.

Canada and Israel already do about $260 million in business, but both sides believe there is much room for improvement.

Last week, representatives of 14 Israeli companies travelled to Toronto, and later to Montreal, to participate in the Canada/Israel Technology Co-operation Forum. More than 80 Canadian corporations were represented at the forum, including Gelda Scientific, Telespace Ltd., Onyx Corp. and Spectronic Electronics.

The forum provides a setting in which investors from both sides can meet to discuss mutual business prospects.

Israel's trade and industry minister, Moshe Nissim, addressed the forum's opening session before being hustled off to official functions that included a luncheon hosted by the Ontario government and a reception organized by the Israel Economic Mission.

Nissim, who also serves as deputy prime minister, was scheduled to attend the trade forum in Montreal and go on to Ottawa for meetings with International Trade Minister Michael Wilson.

Prior to retiring to the meeting rooms for private discussions, the Israeli and Canadian entrepreneurs and executives were reminded of the benefits of doing business in the Jewish state.

Israel places great importance on high tech projects and co-operation with foreign businessmen, Nissim said. As a result, the government has introduced a variety of financial incentives for overseas investors.

He pointed out that Israel is the only country with free trade agreements with both the United States and the European Community (EC) and he said he hoped to discuss a free trade agreement with Canada during his six-day visit.

A more detailed description of the Israeli economic scene was provided by Tzvi Koren, director general of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Israel is offering foreign investors, including Canadians, a "basket of incentives" that is unique and that makes the Jewish state a businessman's "paradise," he said.

About 150 subsidiaries of U.S. high tech corporations are already doing business in Israel and they have a proven track record of developing innovative products that earn them a profit, Koren noted.

Israel offers a highly skilled workforce, free trade access to the EC and, beginning in 1995, to the United States as well; generous government incentives and a record of success, Koren said.

Koren said that with the arrival in recent years of 400,000 immigrants (and more expected), mostly from the former Soviet Union, hundreds of thousands of jobs must be created.

The jobs must come from the country's industrial sector, he suggested, and since the Israeli market is so small, the country must look to the export market to fuel economic development.

Israel already relies on exports for 30 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) and high tech industries account for 47 percent of total industrial exports.

Koren said that while Israel's jobforce is highly educated, labor costs are half those in Canada, the United States or Japan.

In addition to the country's natural competitive advantages, the government has also offered a variety of investment incentives, including loan guarantees for up to two-thirds the value of the investment, as well as tax breaks.

In other addresses, Moshe Ortas, vice-president of the electronics division of Israel Aircraft Industries, said the "electronics" component of Israeli exports has reached 21.3 percent, with a goal of 50 percent by the year 2000.

Israel's 85 sophisticated, high tech electronic firms are innovative and are managed by people with a global orientation, he said.

While much of Israel's high tech industry is in the military field, the "core technology" can be adapted for civilian uses, Ortas said.

The industry's view is that the only way to survive in the current global economic environment is to pool assets, strengths and resources with others, he added.

U.S. electronics leaders like Motorola, Intel, KLA, General Microwave, Astronautics, Vishay and others have set up subsidiaries in the Jewish state, Ortas said.

In another address, Max Hertzberg of Orgonics Ltd. described the importance to the Israeli economy of the biotechnology field. Sales in the biotech sector have grown from $15 million in 1988 to $50 million in 1990, with sales projected at $400 million in the year 2000.

He pointed to the example of Swiss/Italian-owned company Interpharm doing $33 million in business in Israel, with the profits patriated to the mother company.

Also addressing the opening of the trade forum was Perrin Beatty, Canada's minister of communications, who introduced Nissim.

He said Canada and Israel both rely heavily on trade and he noted that Canada "puts a high priority on relations with Israel."

Rick Kohler, director of the African and Middle East Trade Development Division of External Affairs, said there were opportunities in both countries in the areas of telecommunications, environmental sciences and biotechnology. "We're not living up to the potential that exists," he said.

William Cram, executive director of the Ontario regional office of Industry, Science and Technology Canada, said that with the globalization of the economy, companies must also adopt a global perspective to survive.

Alliances with others provide access to new technologies, products and research and improve the competitiveness of both sides, he said.

"The potential for partnership is indeed significant."

BB's support for Shamir causes concern in Canada

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Support by B'nai Brith Canada for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's policy of expanding settlements in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem has caused concern among some Canadian Jewish leaders.

A presidential-leadership delegation of 14 B'nai Brith members headed by president Marilyn Wainberg met the Israeli prime minister in Jerusalem. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation carried a national radio report by their correspondent Mark Levi declaring: "It's not often that Prime Minister Shamir gets support for his policy on settlements from North American Jewry but he got such support today."

The report included a voice clip from Wainberg stating that there is a lot of "misconception" about the "settlements" and she declared: "People speak of these settlements as if they are part of a Biblical return, when 85 to 90 percent of those in Ariel, a community of 15,000 in the West Bank, are secularists."

At a meeting of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress March 29, president Les Scheininger said: "I don't believe its particularly helpful for Israel and the government of Israel to have Jews in the Diaspora making statements on an issue which is the subject of so much debate in Israel."

B'nai Brith Canada did not consult with the CJC before the visit and statement to Prime Minister Shamir, Scheininger said, adding that to his knowledge there has never been an attempt to reach a consensus on this issue within the Canadian Jewish community.

There was no consultation with the Canada Israel Committee by B'nai Brith Canada, its chairman, Dan Pekarsky, of Vancouver, told *The CJN*. Pekarsky said he presumed that before B'nai Brith Canada makes any presentation to the Canadian government that it would consult with other members of the CIC.

From Jerusalem, Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, told *The CJN* he considers the reaction in Canada to be "much ado about nothing."

"We've done nothing new," he said. "We're supporting the position of the government of Israel. Don't Les Scheininger and Moshe Ronen (CJC national chairman) support the government of Israel? My understanding is that the CJC supports the position of the government of Israel. I'm surprised that the people who are making comments about our action did not wait until they got an accurate account of what Marilyn Wainberg said.

"We were interviewed by the CBC just outside the prime minister's office, it was all spontaneous. Maybe the CBC has put an interpretation on it not justified."

At the CJC national executive, Donald Carr, a vice-chairman of the CIC, said B'nai Brith Canada did not consult with the CIC before making the Jerusalem statement. "Unfortunately this illustrates an endemic problem within the Jewish community that it doesn't get its act together."

Scheininger was asked to react to the B'nai Brith position by CJC delegate Louis Lenkinski.

Pekarsky was scheduled to address the CJC executive but arrived five minutes after it had adjourned. He spoke instead off the record to its national officers.

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World

Gay, lesbian synagogue finds spiritual leader

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, New York's gay and lesbian synagogue, has finally found a rabbi.

The search, which took two years, was neither easy nor typical, and it made clear some of the unique challenges faced by gay and lesbian congregations and rabbis.

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, who was ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and is a member of the Reform movement's rabbinical association, has been warned by colleagues that taking the pulpit at CBST, as the congregation is known, is "professional suicide."

"I know it's a huge risk," she said. "But it's an extraordinary opportunity for me as a rabbi."

Kleinbaum has been working at the Reform movement's Religious Action Center in Washington as its director of congregational relations.

As a student rabbi, she worked at the gay and lesbian congregation in Atlanta. There Kleinbaum performed a now-famous ceremony of commitment for a lesbian couple last July.

One of the partners in that relationship, Robin Shahar, lost her job with the Georgia Attorney General's Office when her sexual orientation and the fact that she had been part of a commitment ceremony became known to Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers.

Shahar's employment discrimination lawsuit against Bowers has become a leading gay rights case in the federal courts, watched closely around the country.

But if controversy is nothing new to Kleinbaum, neither is it to CBST, which had its search for a rabbi covered prominently in *The New York Times*.

The pulpit, concedes Arthur Leonard, co-chair of the congregation's rabbinical search committee, will be "a bit of a platform" for Kleinbaum.

"She's going to be a rabbi in a very highly visible synagogue," said Mel Rosen, the congregation's outgoing president. "She's got a very difficult, wonderful job ahead of her."

This is Kleinbaum's first solo pulpit, and it is the congregation's first rabbi. Throughout its 19-year history, the synagogue has been lay-led.

In addition to its main service, CBST congregants conduct feminist and "Orthopractic" minyans. The Greenwich Village congregation has grown so popular with neighborhood families, as well as gays and lesbians, that on the High Holy Days it outgrows its home and will be holding services at the Jacob Javits Convention Center this fall.

"It is a very dynamic and vibrant Jewish community," Kleinbaum said. "It is Jewishly very knowledgeable and committed, and the members are there because they want to be part of an active Jewish community."

"I am not a rabbi for any sexual orientation, I am a rabbi," Kleinbaum emphasized.

"A lot of people want to see this only as a story about a gay rabbi going to a gay synagogue. But there are many other implications that this has for the Jewish community," she said.

CBST is the largest of this country's estimated 25 gay and lesbian congregations. Five of the others are affiliated with the Reform movement; one with the Reconstructionist and the rest are unaffiliated with mainstream movements of Judaism.

CBST's board has decided, at least for the moment, not to seek affiliation with the Reform or Reconstructionist movements. That is largely a reflection of the congregation's religious complexion.

While there is a wide range of observance and commitment among its 1,100 members, who have backgrounds from Chassidic to secular Zionist and every shade in between, CBST considers itself closest theologically and ritually to Conservative Judaism.

Still hope for loan guarantees

BOSTON (JTA) —

The Bush administration's tough conditions for providing Israel with loan guarantees for $10 billion are a direct consequence of Israeli settlement activities during the past year, a senior State Department official told a Jewish gathering here last week.

Dennis Ross, director of the State Department's policy planning staff, said U.S. President George Bush took the hard line in part because there was "a tripling of settlement starts" after the administration provided Israel with guarantees for $400 million last year.

"There were assurances, and in the aftermath of the $400 million of guarantees, settlement activity tripled," Ross said in an address to the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress.

The president has "felt strongly about the settlement issue from the beginning," Ross said, and "there's been no responsiveness to his concerns."

The guarantees for $400 million were first authorized by Congress in the spring of 1990. But they were not released by the State Department until February 1991.

Ross, in remarks after his talk, recalled urging Bush to release the guarantees with the argument that the $400 million was just the tip of what the Israelis want. They're not going to jeopardize future requests, Ross said he told the president.

In February 1991, reports had surfaced in the Israeli press of a plan by Israel's Housing Ministry to build 12,000 housing units in the territories over the next three years.

At the time, Knesset member Dedi Zucker of the left-wing Citizens Rights Movement charged that the United States was withholding the guarantees because of those reports.

But a letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's economic adviser assured the Americans that Israel planned to build only 1,000 to 1,200 units in the territories in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1991, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* disclosed last year.

In fact, the actual number of housing starts for the first nine months of 1991 was 5,435, according to a Finance Ministry report.

Despite the conflict over the guarantees, Ross said he was confident that the U.S.-Israeli relationship would remain strong. While the temperature of relations between the two countries is rising, "the patient is not going to die," he said.

"There is not going to be a wedge driven between the U.S. and Israel," he said, adding: "I still hope we will be able to provide loan guarantees to Israel."

Ross said he did not understand why there had been no response from Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Robert Kasten (R-Wis.) to the administration's final offer on the loan guarantees.

The deal would have provided initial guarantees for $300 million and allowed an agreed-upon amount of construction already under way in the territories to continue. But any further building would be cause to end the loan program.

The Leahy-Kasten proposal would have granted guarantees for more money up front. It would have provided the administration with broad leeway on guarantees for the remaining $9 billion, and it would also have deducted from the guarantees an amount equal to that spent by Israel on the settlements.

But it would have explicitly permitted what the Israelis call "natural growth," meaning the occasional new house or public facility to be built in existing settlements.

Asked about charges from American Jewish leaders that the Bush administration had "misled" pro-Israel forces by explicitly denying last summer and fall that it would link the guarantees to settlements, Ross pointed instead to remarks made at that time by Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval.

Shoval warned last June that the Israeli government would have "no choice but to decide if it is more important to continue settlement-building in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, or to obtain American aid for the absorption of Soviet immigrants."

Speaking at the AJCongress convention, Shoval referred to that apparent prophecy.

"In retrospect, I'm not completely convinced in the accuracy of my prediction," he said, "because what we see now is about more than settlements.

"Let's not blame ourselves," he said. "The future will tell us why the loan guarantees didn't go through. Believe me, it's not only because of settlements."

Terrorist targets identified

PARIS (JTA) —

Israeli diplomatic missions in the Western world and Turkey are likely to become targets of a wave of terrorist attacks masterminded by extremist Shi'ite groups in Lebanon, *L'Express* reported last week.

All Western intelligence agencies have been put on red alert, the French weekly reported.

L'Express said it had corroborating information from Lebanon that Israeli missions in the West and Turkey are targeted for large scale attacks such as the car bomb blast that destroyed the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires on March 17, killing 30 people and injuring 252.

Similar attacks could be made in Ankara, Brussels or London by Shi'ite-influenced groups, *L'Express* said.

The Israeli Embassy in Brussels was in fact evacuated for two hours because of what turned out to be a false alarm.

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The News In Brief

Immigrants join police

JERUSALEM — A hundred new immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union will soon be joining Israel's police force. They will be given patrol and investigation assignments in areas where many new immigrants reside.

The new recruits' knowledge of Amharic or Russian is essential for dealing with a growing portion of the population who need police services according to National Police Chief Ya'acov Terner.

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Anti-Semitic graffiti

PARIS — Anti-Semitic graffiti bearing the signature of Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing National Front was smeared on the walls of the synagogue of Bayonne in southwestern France.

The daubing consisted of slogans saying Jews should be gassed.

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Anti-Semitism warning

JERUSALEM — An Italian statesman and scholar warned here that it would be a mistake to relegate European anti-Semitism to the past.

Giovanni Spadolini, president of the Italian Senate, spoke of "new ghosts of a re-emerging anti-Semitism." He said it is a matter of grave concern that demands forceful condemnation and counteraction, Spadolini said. He said Judaism was in danger because it constitutes a key element of universal civilization.

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Australian Jews protest

SYDNEY, Australia — Jews in Australia's most populous state have joined a national outcry against police brutality toward the Aborigines, Australia's native people.

The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, representing the state's 40,000 Jews, unanimously endorsed an appeal by the minister for Aboriginal affairs, Robert Tickner, for immediate action to combat racism in the police force and implementation of the federal anti-racist laws.

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Olim get rolling

TEL AVIV — Not all immigrants from the former Soviet Union are living an austere life in Israel.

More of them are buying cars than apartments, and a few can afford both, according to a survey by the Tazpit Research Institute.

The survey, taken in March, found that 19 percent of the approximately 350,000 former Soviet Jews who have come to Israel since 1989 own cars. That is nearly 50 percent more than owned cars last October.

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Settler jailed

JERUSALEM — An Israeli who fired shots at an Arab to scare him into leaving his job in a Jewish settlement was sentenced to six months in prison.

Yehuda Ben-Ariel fired the shots close to the head and feet of a Palestinian who was working in a grocery store in the West Bank, shortly after the terrorist attack on a bus near Shilo which killed two passengers on October 28.

Two weeks ago, Nahshon Wohls from Kiryat Arba was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder for shooting at a car as it passed the Israeli suburb next to Hebron, on August 6, 1990, killing Aziza Jabber, a pregnant woman on her way to hospital.

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Economy slows down

JERUSALEM — Israel's economy is in the midst of a slowdown, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel admitted for the first time publicly.

The Bank of Israel's research department had already reported the slowdown in its monthly "S" indicator report.

"The state of the economy is not terrific," Frenkel told a gathering of the Jerusalem Economic Club. "For one thing, economy activity is showing signs of a slowdown in growth."

On the positive side, he noted the fall in the rate of inflation, as well as in interest rates.

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Jeffries ousted

NEW YORK — Leonard Jeffries, the firebrand professor excoriated by the Jewish community for comments many people considered to be anti-Semitic, has been removed from his post as chairman of the City College of New York's black studies department.

The move, designed to ease the tensions dividing the school, was hailed by Jewish leaders.

Jeffries ignited a bitter controversy last summer when he made a speech detailing what he called a "Jewish conspiracy" to denigrate blacks in movies, and blasted Jews for what he called their extensive involvement in the slave trade.

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Men seek help

JERUSALEM — Dozens of men have turned to the Haifa Centre for Assistance to Rape Victims over the past year for help in dealing with sexual harassment, according to Dalit Keinar, the centre's director.

Most of the calls have come from young men who have been approached by older men, she said, adding that when the advances are rejected, rape often ensues.

Most of the men who turn to the centre for aid, she said, do not want to file a complaint with the police for fear they will be thought to be homosexuals.

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Unemployment soars

TEL AVIV — Immigration is raising Israel's unemployment rate, which soared to a record 11 percent in the last quarter of 1991 after dropping slightly in the previous quarter, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

Unemployment from July through September averaged 10.4 percent, down from 10.8 percent in the April through June period.

But 200,000 people were actively seeking work from October through December 1991, a 22 percent rise over the same period a year earlier.

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Turtles struggle

JERUSALEM — Only eight of nearly 200 rare soft-shelled turtles rescued by Nature Reserve Authority wardens and volunteers from a flooded river near the coastal town of Hadera last month have survived.

The eight survivors, still weak and only capable of minimal movement, were recently returned to the site of the former colony the largest of its kind that existed in Israel.

The turtles, which have a leathery skin covering instead of the normal hardened shells, are very rare, existing in small numbers in only four other places in Israel.

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Jewish graves destroyed

AMSTERDAM — Neo-Nazi vandals destroyed three gravestones at a Jewish cemetery and defaced a monument to Jewish deportees in southwestern Holland last week.

The targets were the Jewish cemetery at Beek, near the Belgian border, where three gravestones were demolished and eight daubed with swastikas. A monument to Jewish deportees in nearby Meerssen was also smeared with swastikas.

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Popular exhibit

GENEVA — Curiosity about Jewish traditions and customs among the general public accounts for the high attendance at an exhibition on the history and culture of Jews in Switzerland, currently on display at Lausanne's Historical Museum.

The exhibition was first mounted by the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities in 1982 and has been seen in Zurich, Basel and Geneva.

The current version stresses Jewish life in the canton of Vaud, where Lausanne is located. About 600 Jewish families live in Lausanne and a smaller number in Avenches, some 25 miles northeast, in the canton of Fribourg, where Jews from the French province of Alsace have settled. There are about 22,000 Jews in all of Switzerland.

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Canadians at Festival

JERUSALEM — This year's Israel Festival-Jerusalem is scheduled to begin on May 16 and offer a wide diversity of cultural activities until the final performance on June 7.

Festival highlights include Canada's Theatre Repere, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Guarnerius Quartet, flautist James Galway and Spain's Ballet Lirico Nacional.

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F-15s arrive

TEL AVIV — Regardless of the severe strains between them, Israel and the United States are advancing their military co-operation.

The arrival here last week of the first of 60 F-15 jet fighters from U.S. Air Force units in Europe was hailed by the Defence Ministry as a sign that the "real strategic alliance" is on a firm footing.

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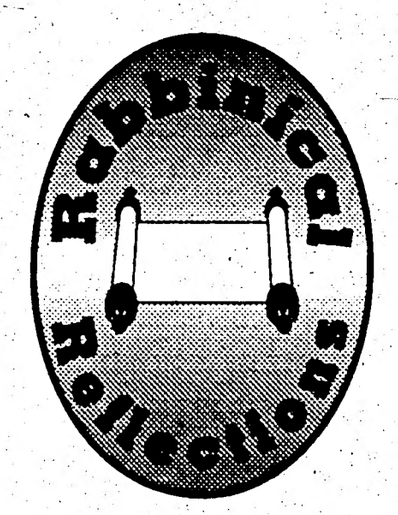

By
RABBI DEBORAH BRIN

TORONTO —

"The land renews itself every year, so why shouldn't we have an annual spring? Ha-adaman mitchadesh col shanah umaduah ayn la-adam aviv b'chol shanah?" — Jacob Klatzkin, writer, philosopher and Zionist (1882-1948)

The month of Nissan is upon us. It was during the month of Nissan that the spiritual journey, which led us away from slavery, took us into the wilderness where we learned about the choices and responsibilities of freedom. It is the beginning of spring. What would happen for us if we imitated the earth and had an annual spring? I think it could certainly do us all good to open the windows of our souls, get the dust out, bring in some fresh air and feel ourselves become energized in every cell and pore of our being: physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

Many roads lead to the same destination. For some the route to rejuvenation comes through renewing their commitments to social justice work and political action (tikkun olam). Or perhaps it comes through taking seriously what it means to act toward others with caring and compassion: taking care of the sick, sitting with mourners, housing the homeless, and feeding the hungry (g'milut hassadim). Some may think more about what it means to give of one's resources, both human and financial, in order to increase justice in the world (tzedakah). Others may find that rejuvenation and connection come through developing a personal spiritual practice of daily walks, meditation, and prayer.

Society teaches us to cope with life and its demands by disconnecting. How many times have you caught yourself sitting in front of the television flipping endlessly through the channels via remote control? The goal of a spiritual spring cleaning is to throw open the doors and windows so that we can connect with life, ourselves, other people, with the natural world, ideas and with God.

There are two traditional techniques that may be helpful in achieving that sense of connectedness to ourselves, our world and to God. These are teshuvah, turning oneself around and making repentance, and cheshbon hanefesh, an accounting or examining of ourselves and our actions. These are both methods which help us to look ourselves in the eye and see how our actions and attitudes have affected others as well as ourselves. The basic idea of teshuvah (repentance) is that a deep change comes through some kind of movement, by turning away from that which is negative and turning toward that which is positive. We "make" teshuvah or "do" teshuvah, because introspection is only the first part of it. We are required to act on our insights, to make apologies, repair relationships, repay old debts, and rectify difficult situations.

The act of cheshbon hanefesh, examining ourselves and our actions, has two parts to it: the daily inventory of examing our actions and our attitudes, and the periodic review. We can get so absorbed in our daily lives that we forget to take time to dream dreams, make plans or chart a course to steer by. Spring offers us a great opportunity to step back and gain a broader perspective on our lives.

Let us find ways to maximize the creative and healing powers of spring to make our world a safer, more just and more beautiful place in which to live.

Hillel taught us: "If I am not for myself who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I?" — Pirkei Avot 1:14.

Adrienne Rich adds: If not together, how?

Rabbi Deborah Brin lives and works in Toronto.

Marital bottleneck in Ethiopia

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Ethiopian community in Israel is facing a "marital bottleneck" because the only rabbi prepared to conduct marriages between them is embroiled in a kashrut controversy in his city and has ceased performing marriages for the past two months.

Rabbi David Chelouche, Sephardic chief rabbi of Netanya, says the seaside resort is being infiltrated by large quantities of non-kosher meat from nearby Arab villages, and he has his hands full battling this development.

"All my appeals" to Israel's Chief Rabbinate "have gone unheeded," he says.

His suspension of Ethiopian marriage rites is apparently intended as a way of bringing pressure to bear on the Chief Rabbinate to come to his aid over the kashrut problem, in which Chelouche is squared off against the chairman of the Religious Council in Netanya.

Until this began to be a problem, Chelouche had been marrying some 15 Ethiopian couples each month. "I've told community leaders to prepare the paperwork and stand by for when I can free myself up to see to them," the rabbi said.

Other Orthodox rabbis in Israel — who are by law the only rabbis licensed to conduct marriages between Jews — have been reluctant to marry the Ethiopians unless they first undergo a "giyur lechumra" conversion, a procedure "just to be sure," performed even though a person is considered Jewish by definition.

Rabbis require this procedure, because until recent times, the Ethopians had been cut off from the established Jewish community for centuries, dating prior to Talmudic times.

But the Ethiopians object to such conversions, which they regard as a challenge to the authenticity of their Judaism.

Meanwhile, former Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur, a member of the Labor Party, has attacked the present government's policy on Ethiopian absorption, which he claims is creating ghettos of mobile homes populated only by Ethiopian families.

Recent Ethiopian immigrants, confronting a culture entirely different from their native one, tend to prefer the privacy of the mobile homes to the communal atmosphere of absorption centers located in former hotels.

In recent weeks, groups of Ethiopians have left their absorption centers in Jerusalem and Arad and moved into mobile home sites in Beersheba and near Ramla said to have not been ready for habitation.

The move has been forcing absorption authorities to acquiesce even though the sites had not been completely prepared.

Tsur criticized the whole policy of directing the Ethiopians to such sites. He said it meant they would not intermingle with the general population.

Tsur added that most of the Ethiopians were unemployed and there did not seem to be plans afoot to teach them useful trades.

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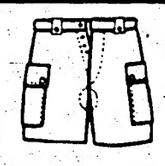

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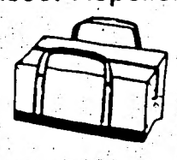

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Front Line

Begin was harsher on himself than history will be

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

The sadness of Menachem Begin's last years compounds the sadness we feel at his death. Begin's withdrawal into seclusion upon his retirement from politics in 1983 seems part of a harsh sentence that he pronounced upon himelf. He tried as hard as anyone could have done to secure a peaceful place for the Jews in the world. Ultimately, he blamed himself for having failed.

Had Menachem Begin been a Communist or Bolshevik revolutionary, he would have been one of the most admired Jews of his time, the subject of hundreds of dissertations and hagiographies, dramas and poems. His reputation for self-sacrifice and courage would have sparkled as brightly as Leon Trotsky's, founder of the CHEKA, the Soviet secret police. Had he been a black leader — even one who openly preached violence and threatened reprisals — he would have become the darling of the West, the hero of international liberalism. Nadine Gordimer would have joined his cause.

Begin's handicap is that he devoted himself to the Jews. What is worse, he was not a socialist. Those who shape public opinion considered him an outcast not because he had conducted the struggle for Israel like a military operation; those same people are always ready to condone even the most brutal acts of violence in what they consider to be a "higher" cause. Begin's crime — in their eyes — was that he conducted the struggle for Israel without pretending that there was any higher cause. They thought it was criminal to fight for the Jews as Jews, for just another bourgeois democracy under an Israeli flag.

Ruth R. Wisse

When Menachem Begin became prime minister of Israel in 1977, many Israelis thought it was the end of their nation. A friend of mine who had been granted a prestigious prize would not attend the ceremony because he would have had to shake the hand of "that man." (He could not bring himself to pronounce Begin's name.) From some of Israel's leading writers and intellectuals one heard that the country had now fallen into the hands of "fascists," and would never be the same again. They did not seem to be aware of the anti-democratic impulses that they, not Begin, were manifesting in this refusal to accept the consequences of a democratic system that allowed a man who had sat in the opposition for 29 years to assume the leadership.

Admittedly, Menachem Begin was on one occasion less than the model parliamentarian. After the signing of the reparations agreement with Germany, Begin was suspended from parliament for having called on his followers to storm the Knesset in protest. Begin's experience in Poland and Russia during the beginning of World War II made the destruction of the Jews of Europe much more vivid to him than it was to fellow Zionists who had come earlier to Palestine, and he could not accept the idea of financial "reparation"; for this crime.

But Ben-Gurion's reaction was as untrue to the spirit of parliamentary democracy as was Begin's defiance. Rather than explain Begin's outrage as the expression of an unhealed national wound and try to re-establish a calm atmosphere in statesmanlike fashion, Ben-Gurion stepped up his attacks on Begin, smeared him as a demagogue, accused him of trying to dismantle Israel's democratic structure. Ben-Gurion pretended that Revisionism was a movement beyond the civilized pale, and its leader, Menachem Begin, a pariah.

Nevertheless, it was Begin who, as leader of the Likud Party, broke the monopoloy of Labor rule, forcing home for the first time the consequences of functional democracy. In a democracy, it is understood that there are no easy solutions to the manifold problems that confront the citizenry, that polticians will offer competing solutions as power routinely shifts from one group to another. In Israel, however, as in no other modern state, basic human security also depends on the decisions of leaders in other countries. Israeli politicians, no less than the Diaspora Jews before them, must gamble on the intentions of their enemies in trying to steer the safest course.

Begin had always believed that the Jews should take their fate into their own hands. When the British impeded the rescue of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, he struck out at them in armed revolt, hastening the British withdrawl of 1947. When Anwar Sadat made his unexpected overtures to Jerusalem, Begin first received him in the Knesset, then yielded the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt in return for a treaty of peace. What the British and Sadat had in common by the time they conceded the right of the Jewish state to exist was that they were tired of fighting. Begin could only win the peace from those who were prepared to stop the war.

In 1982, perhaps recalling the earlier debacle of the Yom Kippur War, Begin tried to destroy the bases of the PLO and help Israel's Christian allies re-estblish stability in the north. He may have misread Israel's growing weariness of battle for the long-awaited tiring of his enemies. Since, however neither the Syrians, the PLO, the Shiites nor even the Christians were the least ready to give up the fight, Begin assumed the blame for the botched bid to impose peace. History's verdict on this will be less harsh than his.

ANALYSIS

Saudi Arabia is undergoing some important changes

By
ARNOLD AGES

Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world which bears the name of the royal dynasty which rules it, has always represented the most obscurantist and retrogressive of the Arab enemies of Israel.

In 1945 U.S. President Roosevelt met with Ibn Saud, the reigning monarch, and tried to convince him of the legitimacy of the Zionist agenda by pointing to the way in which Jews had transformed deserts into fertile soil. "What's wrong with deserts," the king replied. "I like deserts."

It was also Ibn Saud who said during a moment of particular truculence that it would be worth sacrificing the lives of two million Arabs in order to wipe out the State of Israel.

The king, of course, was referring to non-Saudi lives. During the past 42 years, Ibn Saud's attitudes were carried on by real descendants who have financed Arab armies in Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq in their wars against Israel and Arab terrorist organizations such as the PLO in their attacks on Israeli citizens.

In Saudi Arabia itself, the Wahabbi form of Suni Islam imposed a rigorous religious code — dissent from which brought the "religious police" to warn of violations of the prescribed morality and dress of Islam. One aspect of that morality was the absolute prohibition against Jews from entering the country.

Four developments in 1992 suggest that Saudi Arabia is undergoing an important change in its political orientation, a change of such magnitude that the atmospherics of the entire Mideast might conceivably be altered by it.

The first change pivots around the decision of the Riyadh government to initiate a quiet but determined campaign to discourage wealthy Saudis from contributing money to fundamentalist movements in Algeria and the Sudan. The Saudi government has also suspended financial aid to the PLO, Jordan, the Sudan, Yemen and to some extent, to Tunisia. Iraq, which received $26 billion in Saudi funds between 1980 and 1990, has been cut off as well.

Arnold Ages

Within Saudi Arabia, efforts are also being made to curb the influence of radical fundamentalist clerics who use the modern cassette recording — a la Khomeini — to agitate against the conservatism of the Riyadh authorities. After years of benign neglect, the authorities are now trying to stop the radicals by calling them in for questioning and, in some cases, removing them from their mosques.

The second change involves the way in which wealthy Saudis are using their money not to subsidize fundamentalism, but progressive journalism. Some of them are financing a new London-based satellite television channel called Middle East Broadcasting Centre (MBC) which furnishes an objective new coverage to a potential Arab-speaking market of 300 million people.

MBC has one of its principal powners, Waldi al-Ibrahim, whose sister is married to King Fahd. The station is the first Arab one to open a bureau in Jerusalem and its correspondents are receiving favorable treatment from Israeli officials. MBC provided extensive coverage of the Middle East peace talks as well.

A third extraordinary development is the news announced in March that Saudi Arabia has created a new constitution featuring a Consultative Council composed of 60 citizens who will advise the cabinet on policy matters. While the new body is still light-years distant from democratic government agencies in the West, it represents a leap for the Saudis, because it gives them an opportunity, really for the first time, to participate in discussions which could counterbalance the power hitherto yielded by the royal family.

Two articles in the new constitution, numbers 37 and 40 respectively, also provide Saudi citizens with protection against indiscriminate searches of homes, and against the use of electronic bugging. Authorities are also forbidden to confiscate, read or delay mail "except in legally justified cases."

Fourth, and perhaps the most significant development of all is the welcome accorded in February to a delegation of the American Jewish Congress by officials in Riyadh. The Jewish spokesmen who had Israeli visas in their passports, became the first Jews (Henry Kissinger was an exception) to travel to Saudi Arabia under these circumstances. Henry Siegman, writing in *Congress Monthly*, describes the meeting with Saudi government people as cordial. The fact that it took place at all is remarkable.

What has made Saudi Arabia make such dramatic changes in its domestic and foreign policy? The answer can be summed up in two words — Saddam Hussein. The Gulf War was an excruciating experience for the Saudis and not only because of the Scud missiles that landed in their country.

In the months leading up to the war Riyadh saw countries, Islamic fundamentalist coalition and terrorist groups which it had bankrolled to the tune of $30 billion, nestle in embrace of the "butcher of Baghdad" as he invaded Kuwait and made menacing gestures towards Saudi Arabia.

The lesson was not lost on the government of Saudi Arabia which realized at long last that perhaps Israel was not the major threat to the serenity of the Arab world.

That realization propelled Riyadh to examine its options. The result has been a breakthrough, at this juncture, still a minor one perhaps, towards sanity in one part of the Middle East. That lapse into sanity might just influence the larger context of the Arab-Israel imbroglio.

CDs may sound great but how do they make you feel?

By
PATRICIA KEAN

The world used to be a pretty secure place.

We grew up taking things such as the ozone layer and the record album for granted and assumed, like our parents before us, that the more tanned we were and the more records we bought the better off we'd be.

But the unthinkable happened.

A nasty hole appeared in the atmosphere.

The cassette came along. Then came the final straw: the imperialistic compact disc (CD), bent on nothing less than world domination.

Encased in anti-nostalgic, don't-touch-me-unless-you-mean-business plastic, the CD pays lip service to cover art, liner notes and lyrics by reproducing them on the head of a pin.

Worst of all, it offers sound so pure it has no place in our fallen world.

As it turns out, a little perfection can be a dangerous thing.

Need proof? Take a look at the first generation of record-deprived teenagers who will soon reach adulthood, their psyches warped beyond repair. Small wonder they lack self-esteem.

Their CDs are perfect — and they are not.

Yes, they have experienced Axl Rose' rage in the clear ringing tones the gods intended. But they've never known the peace, serenity and sense of well-being that flows from being the proud owner of shelf after shelf of scruffy, dog-eared, alphabetized albums.

If someone had taken away your LPs when you were 16 you might also be sporting a post-modern hairdo, dabbling in satanism and protesting things such as fur.

In the halcyon days of the 1970s, albums were refreshingly flawed. The needle made an impression and we lived with the consequences.

As a result, when I play a record today, Marvin Gaye sings in the middle of what sounds like a driving rain and a chorus of adders.

Yet these imperfections speak volumes of personal history; Skips and hums bring back fond memories of playing *"Mercy, Mercy Me"* until the neighbors cried out for some.

Like a good argument, there were two sides to every record, and like good novels, many had a tale to tell.

By eliminating the distinctions between sides one and two and encouraging us to edit an artist's work, the programmable CD player shatters the album's narrative integrity and takes us back to the pre-Sgt. Pepper age when records were choppy collections of hit singles.

Until your bank offers CD conversion loans it makes perfect economic sense to submit to the tyranny of the Top 40 and replace a dozen worn Elvis Costello albums with a single compact disc promising only his "Greatest Hits."

Next to a CD, an album appears laughably oversized, like a '57 Chevy parked alongside a baby Benz.

In effect, album covers made possible an MTV of the mind, a channel through which an individual could use her imagination to make Ringo come alive.

But now all of us, old and young, Sinatra buff and Morrissey acolyte alike, are merely pawns in a high-stakes game of planned obsolescence.

Like the album before it, the CD will go the way of all eight-track tapes. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but soon — and for the rest of our lives.

Amid the chaos, only one thing is certain. You can bet your last Monkees album that whatever form the next audio sensation takes, it will be smaller, shinier, awesomely aerodynamic and terribly, terribly digital.

But rather than make us happy, our pursuit of the cutting edge will leave its scars — a glut of faux-walnut cabinetry and a perpetual state-of-the-art anxiety. Mercy, mercy me.

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l'affaire Richler, Act II

In the September 26 issue of *The Canadian Jewish News*, we described what by now has become Act I of l'affaire Richler as "a cautionary tale." The anguish and invective that followed the publication in the *New Yorker magazine of a 32-page* excerpt from Mordecai Richler's forthcoming book, *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Country*, demonstrated clearly the sensitivity of the issues on which he touched.

At that time, we said: "There is a real danger that because of Richler's strong Jewish identity, the very real issues he raises — the impact of Quebec nationalism on Quebec's future and on its minorities — will be reduced to a question of whether the Quebecois are anti-Semitic, or perhaps more accurately, more anti-Semitic than other Canadians."

Now the book is out, and that is precisely what is happening. Allegations of anti-Semitism have once again become the focus of a bitter debate over Richler's charges that Quebec is a narrow society. For Quebecois, intensely proud of their nationhood and the modern society they have built, it is an outrage that they should have the excesses of the past hung around their necks just as they are engaged in a definitive debate over their future. For "les autres," anti-Semitism is in danger of becoming the sole exemplar of a much broader issue: how do we enable those who are, and who want to remain, different from the defined "mainstream" of the day to participate fully within the majority society?

Those Quebec nationalists who seek independence have said this cannot be done within any imagineable Canadian structure; those who look to renewed federalism believe it can. But whatever the results of the constitutional negotiations, Quebec is now irrevocably a distinct society. As it continues to define itself in relation to the rest of Canada, it must come to grips with the question of how it will treat its own minorities: francophone and anglophone, natives, recent immigrants and those whose roots in Quebec are generations old. Just as federalists must now make it clear to *all* Quebecers that they have a place in Canada, now is the time for Quebec leaders to make it clear that *all* Quebecers have a place in the Quebec of the future, if they choose to seek one.

To narrow the debate to Quebecois versus Jew is not only dangerous for both; by clouding the real issue — how to protect diversity within unity — it puts the future of every Canadian at risk.

Nazi crimes exposed

It is ironic that while the pursuit of alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada is being brought to a halt (temporarily, one hopes) by a recent decision regarding videotaped depositions, new evidence of the magnitude of Nazi crimes is surfacing.

In Israel, Russian Jews have been bringing documentation about those crimes to Yad Vashem. A recent Russian emigré furnished officials at that institution with a list containing the names of 10,000 people who were massacred in Lvov, Ukraine, just months after the German invasion in 1941.

Researchers in Israel now have access also to once closed archives from the formerly communist regimes in Poland, Hungary, East Germany and the former Soviet republics. Yad Vashem's director, Shmuel Krakowski, has indicated to a *New York Times* reporter (March 17) that the new data suggests that the figure of six million Jewish dead may have to be revised upward.

"Secrets now spilling forth from Soviet files tell of small Jewish ghettos and killing grounds in Ukraine, western Russia, Belarus and the Baltic states that researchers there say they never knew had existed."

Especially revealing has been a report done by a Soviet commission which investigated Nazi crimes in Soviet territory. The report, which consists of 80,000 pages of documents, lists the names of thousands of Jewish victims and the German and local police forces who killed them.

On Soviet territory the Nazis did not have death camps at their disposal as they did in Poland; accordingly, they executed their victims through mass shootings.

It will take years of assembling and collating the relevant materials before a comprehensive picture of Nazi barbarism comes into complete focus.

The new archival materials point to as many as a quarter of a million Jews who died under circumstances only now being brought to light by historians of the Holocaust. When the Nazis murdered them, they hoped that even the memory of their victims would be erased.

That must not be permitted to occur. The blood-drenched fields of Ukraine, the former Soviet Union and the Baltic states are slowly giving up their secrets about Jewish suffering and martyrdom.

It may be too late to identify and punish those who served as the instruments of evil in the murder of Jews, but it is not too late to rescue from oblivion the names of those who died.

The executioner, as Elie Wiesel once remarked, should never be given the last word.

TAKING A REST

Runners take a rest after participating in the Jewish National Fund's 90th anniversary celebrations. Five thousand youths, soldiers and adults took part in a cross country race through woods near Yatir, south of Hebron. The race, which is held annually, has been run for the past 15 years in honor of the memory of paratrooper Yossi Yaffe who was killed in the Litani operation in Lebanon in 1977. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

POLLARD ACTED

In her commentary on Purim (Mar. 19), Ruth Wisse asks the question, "If a contemporary Mordecai were to gain an edge in the inner circles of government, could you see him gathering data on the Arab war against the Jews, and feeding it to the head of his government so as to save his fellow Jews from harm? . . . Is this what most of the bright Jewish young men and women do . . .?"

Generally speaking she is tragically right. But one notable exception stands out — Jonathan Pollard! He did just that, gathering information to save his fellow Jews from potential disaster. He knew what the risks were. Yet he took them and is now paying for it by suffering the harshest sentence ever imposed upon an American accused of giving information to a foreign country and living the last six years in intolerable conditions. His case is an outrage to anyone with a moral sensitivity and flies in the face of all that we have been taught America stands for. And the tragedy is compounded by the fact that some Jewish organizations are still against speaking out in his behalf!

It will require a miracle as it did in Shushan long ago for a Mordecai and Esther to appear around whom the Jews of North America will rally. But isn't that what we pray for every Purim? Bayamim hahem bizman hazeh? Today as in ancient times? And without a Haman, we pray!

Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro
Laval, Que.

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ABTALYON'S WARNING

Jews often lose the sense of direction, but never their zeal. This observance, rooted in Jewish history, came to mind when I read Michael Brown's letter (CJN, Mar. 12) expressing "shock and dismay" at the Jewish National Fund sponsoring a public lecture by Oliver North.

I have neither the mandate nor do I see the need to defend the affable Ollie North. However, recalling some background facts of his case would be in order. Essentially, the charges against him pertained to the breach of a law prohibiting aid to the Contras. This controversial law, pushed through Congress as an appendix to a bill extending borrowing powers, was political in nature, predicated more on U.S. party politics than international policy considerations. It was also immoral because it mandated abandoning the Contras, who were previously, by extending financial aid, encouraged by the U.S. administration to fight the Communist government of their country. The final verdict was rendered by the people of Nicaragua who, in the first free elections, repudiated the Sandinistas. Had it not been for the military actions of the Contras, such a free election would have never taken place.

However, Oliver North, even if he acted on a wink from above, was guilty of breaking the law of the land and had to face the consequences.

No doubt, Mr. Brown is entitled to his views as were the score of protectors in front of the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue, where Oliver North addressed a capacity audience, his speech interrupted by numerous bursts of applause. What is appalling, is the length to which Mr. Brown is ready to go to chastise the JNF in an outpouring of "fire and brimstone" rhetoric. If that was not enough, he declared he would discontinue small donations for planting trees, a veiled appeal to the public to follow his example.

Almost a century ago, the Jewish National Fund, the brainchild of the early Zionist Congresses, pioneered the redemption of the ancient land of Israel at a time when the redemption of the nation was still a distant dream. The blue box of Keren Kayemeth became the messenger of faith in the future of the Jewish people in the biblical homeland. Today, JNF is in the forefront of building the infrastructure for settling hundreds of thousands of Jews swept from their countries of birth by the winds of change and by anti-Jewish hate and violence.

Would Michael Brown like to see this institution financially strangled because of the "unforgiveable sin" of sponsoring Oliver North's lecture?

In the first century B.C.E., Abtalyon, the leading scholar of his generation, the predecessor of Hillel, cautioned academics wrapped-up in their self-assertiveness: "Sages, watch your words lest you incur the penalty of exile . . ."

Our people incurred this penalty for two millenia. Isn't it time to heed Abtalyon's warning?

Stanley Rossby
Toronto

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REFORM AND DIVORCE

Montreal's Rabbi Martin Penn weeps about the acceptance of patrilineality within the congregtations of North American Reform Judaism, at least in most of them. He also complains about Reform rabbis and congregations not requiring a Jewish bill of divorce (known as the Get). While Rabbi Martin Penn is a bit late with his worries — to be precise 123 years too late — may he never have to worry about anything else to keep him busy. In 1869, the most outstanding of America's Reform rabbis convened in Philadelphia and laid the groundwork for liberalizing the issue of divorce in Judaism.

The Association of Reform Synagogues in Great Britain (but not the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues) through its Ecclesiastical Court does, however, issue a formal Get. It is par for the course that this Get is not recognized by the Orthodox. North American Reform has, in mean time, also introduced some "Religious Certificate of Separation" which is erroneously referred to as a "Reform Get."

North American Reform rabbis face realities and some 40 percent of these therefore perform mixed religion marriages between communicants of Judaism and those of other faith communities and these rabbis do not demand the conversion of the non-Jewish partner to Judaism as a condition. Here in Canada, of some 26 Reform rabbis, only two (one in Montreal, one in Saskatoon) consecrate a Jewish-Christian marriage.

Klaus J. Herman
Montreal

Opinion

Aunt's books link two generations

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Haifa. Just below the Dan Carmel Hotel is the lovely apartment where my late aunt Ada lived for many years.

She had been the youngest of Mother's siblings, and when she died in December, mother — aged 101 years — would repeat time and again: "To think that she had to go, and she was the youngest!" The fact that my aunt was 89 when she died, which for many people represents a respectable lifetime, played no role in mother's perception. Ada always remained "the youngest."

She and her husband, a lifelong Zionist and legal scholar, made aliyah in the early 30s. Their home reflected classical culture, and their library reached from philosophy to the arts, and from history to ecology — the last an area of Ada's special interest, for she was trained in applied botany and scientific gardening.

Standing amidst the books and other potent reminders of the years that had come and gone, I was assailed by a sense of great sadness mixed with abiding admiration for this unusual woman. On impulse I asked her daughter whether I might take a book or two as keepsake, and she said, "Of course, it would make me feel good if you did!"

Rabbi Plaut

I went along the rows of glass-sheltered volumes and picked two of them — partly because of their titles and partly because they were slim and easy to carry home. Both were authored by Martin Buber, in their German original.

Then the unlikely was revealed. I opened the books and found that both had been given to Ada 70 years ago, one on her birthday, the other one for Rosh Hashanah — and both were signed and given to her by my own late beloved father, her brother-in-law. Somehow I felt that it was more than coincidence that my hands had found these books which linked two persons together with whom I was forever bound in memory.

Jerusalem. When the snow storm was over we were at last able to pay our first visit to the Bible Lands Museum (Muse'on Artzot Hamikra). Here too, yesterdays surfaced both in the substance of this new jewel in the crown of Jerusalem institutions, and in the persons behind it.

The spiritus rector, founder, and donor of the 3,000 items to be displayed is Dr. Elie Borowski who, for half a century, collected these stunning and often unique artifacts. Together, they will illustrate the far-ranging history of the Ancient Near East, a treasure trove for art lovers, biblical scholars and any visitor to whom the Bible and its antique setting are of interest.

The collection includes exquisite seals, bronzes, ivories, mosaics, sarcophagi and frescoes — all of them illuminating the life and times of the Bible in its environment, and some of them created as early as 6000 B.C.E.

Torontonians will remember the exhibit titled "Ladders to Heaven," shown some years ago at the ROM — and that was but a very small sampling of what the new museum in Jerusalem contains. Housed near The Shrine of the Book on prime land donated by the city, the museum is an architectural gem and the items displayed will be shown to best advantage; in surroundings that are artistic and up-to-date, yet at the same time respectful of the antiquity of Jerusalem and its past.

The exhibit will be formally opened on May 10, and thus a dream cherished by Elie and his wife Batya will at last be realized. The project is a contribution of two former Canadians who for a long time tried to locate the collection in Toronto, but could not find the necessary financial backing.

Thus, Jerusalem has become the museum's home, truly the ideal spot for exhibiting its treasures. Israel's former Consul General in Toronto, Benjamin Abileah, is the director of the museum and thus the Canada connection is complete. As for you who will visit Jerusalem in the near future, the museum will be a must on your list.

Richler's social criticism cannot be silenced

By
DAVID LAZARUS

The recent brouhaha, part two, over Mordecai Richler's provocative book, *O Canada! Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Country*, seemed to follow the script to the letter. Act 1, the recent interview by the late Barbara Frum on CBC's *The Journal*, was followed by Act 2, the uproar that ensued.

Surely Richler, revelling in his role of Peck's Bad Boy, is already contemplating a major Act 3 follow-up and enjoying every minute.

But where, after all is said and done, did Richler and/or his indignant and outraged critics have it right and wrong? Where is the fact and where the fiction?

Let's start off with one essential point: Richler has it wrong, wrong, wrong, in trying to portray present-day Quebec as any more racist, intolerant or anti-Semitic than any Canadian province has the ignominious right to call itself. The days of the 1930's *Le Devoir* and Lionel Groulx are over.

The weakness of Richler's case was made obvious by Richler himself during what turned out to be Frum's last interview, broad-cast nationwide. Asked why he thinks the anti-Semitism of the Quebec of the past continues to this day, Richler's only answer was to wonder why the francophone press continues to identify him regularly as a "Jewish writer."

Surely Richler could do better than that. Or couldn't he? Anyone familiar with Richler's writing surely knows there is no way he is a writer who "happens to be Jewish." If anyone is a "Jewish writer" in terms of form and content, Richler is, and he should know it. The fact that non-Jews can also recognize this do not make them anti-Semites.

What else? Going over old ground once again, Richler makes reference to three surveys purportedly showing higher anti-Semitic attitudes in Quebec; the conclusions of at least one of these more accurately proves the opposite case.

Besides which, surveys and polls can be skewed, their methodology open to question and their wording weighted — perhaps subconsciously — to prove conclusions already arrived at.

On the other hand, the reaction by the francophone media not only played into Richler's hands, but was based on selective misreading or misquotation of what he actually wrote, as Richler himself has pointed out.

Richler, contrary to how all the French press reported it, never called French-Canadians a "tribe."

What he did do was use the terms "tribalistic" and "tribalism" to describe the present day sensibility of nationalist Quebecers.

To some this might seem like a distinction without a difference. But in English, I dare say, there is a big difference between ascribing the quality of "tribalism" and actually labelling a people a "tribe."

In his very own fictional works — without using the word — Richler, dare I say again, accuses the Jewish community of being guilty of the very same tribalism.

Richler himself has already pointed out other mistakes in the coverage of the book, more often than not reported, let's face it, by nationalistic Quebec journalists with their own agendas to push.

For the last time, Richler, as he said, wrote that French Canadian women were often treated like sows within their own culture, not that they *were* sows.

Yes, Richler did — God forbid — suggest that Rene Levesque was not necessarily as honest as George Washington — one sentence out of a whole book but obviously a crime in Quebec to be so politically incorrect.

Richler also did not say all French-Canadians are descended from prostitutes. He was making the hopefully humorous point that English and French Quebecers alike are not all necessarily the progeny of the most noble of characters.

These include "many" — not all — so-called "pure laine" Quebecers whose ancestors may have been the offspring of soldiers and "filles du roi" brought over to New France, as well as anglo-Quebecers descended from criminals escaping to the new land.

What else? Richler did go overboard in comparing the *Le Devoir* of old to the notorious *Der Sturmer* of Nazi Germany. Absolutely nothing compares to *Der Sturmer*, no matter how anti-Semitic the *Le Devoir* of the past may have been. There is simply no comparison, and in a way it was an insult to victims of the Holocaust to draw the analogy.

Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard, at least, had the good sense to disassociate himself from BQ MP Pierette Venne, who wanted Richler's book banned. But you had to give Venne marks for cleverness for deliberately using the Jewish community's own refrain about "hate literature."

It was the Jewish community, in fact, that came under constant pressure to respond (again) to Richler, as if Richler somehow spoke for the community instead of just himself.

La Presse columnist Pierre Foglia, whose caustic writings on the Jewish community have raised its ire in the past, made the point that Jews would have been up in arms if a French Canadian had written the same things as Richler but substituted the word "Jewish."

Probably true, but that may say more about the way the Jewish community reacts, or overreacts, to anti-Semitic episodes, than anything else. If Canada allowed even one-tenth the amount of anti-Semitic goings-on as occur south of the border — from Nazi cable television shows to parades in Chicago — Jewish organizations, already falling over each other to get the first press coverage, would have to hire hundreds more staff to churn out even more reams of angry press releases.

This is not to say that Jewish organizations' criticisms of Richler were not legitimate. But let's face it, Richler, when you get right down to it, probably represented quite accurately the view of the anglo-Jewish community's grassroots.

The Gazette's Jack Todd had it right. Richler is a polemicist, and he did what polemicists do best. In the process he will sell thousands of books.

But even though Richler widely missed the mark on current anti-Semitism in the province, most enlightened critics of the Quebec scene will agree that he was right on the money in his overall depiction of present-day Quebec's Alice in Wonderland-like surreality.

Richler may be rude, even insulting, but surely sharp social criticism demands a trenchant pen and a writer's freedom to hurl some well-aimed invective.

Young neighbor is dog's best friend

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

My doorbell rings every afternoon about 4 p.m. I know who it is, because when I look out of the glass panel, I can't see anybody. That's because my ever-so-frequent gentleman caller is a small child.

I flatter myself when I refer to him as "my caller." He is not coming to see me, or my husband, or even any of our three children. He is coming to see our dog. And the dog knows it.

When the bell rings, the dog — a female butterscotch-and-white cocker spaniel of benign temperament — goes into a frenzy of delight, barking, jumping, twisting, lunging for the door. She stops frequently for a contemplative scratch, but her happy anticipation is clear.

As her buddy stands in the open doorway, she waggles from head to toe with impatience as we clip on her leash and hand her over. They disappear into the neighborhood, strolling about together.

He is as devoted to her as any true-blue friend, feeding her treats, bringing her new leashes (three, to date), and talking to her as he tugs her leash so she won't dash off after the nearest cat. But it is an effort of physical will for him to say a word to any of us. Whether it is shyness, or the difference in our lifestyles (because he is a very Orthodox little boy) or just the gap between small boys and grownup ladies, he works hard to muster even a syllable or two.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

He has his opening line down firmly. The door swings ajar, I peer out, or my housekeeper, or one of the kids, and he smiles tight-lipped. "Is Freckles here?" he asks, as if the cocker had some separate social agenda that kept her out on the town, rushing hither and yon to doggie cocktail parties or critical corporate evenings.

"Yes," we say. After all, she never goes anywhere, except with him.

"Canshecomeout?" (This is all one word.)

"Yes," we say, and hand her over, with the new blue leash he gave her. As long as he crosses the street carefully and doesn't lead the smaller kids away from home with the lure of a completely captured cocker spaniel, he can have her anytime.

He is very concerned that we are not up to his understanding of Jewish law, and when conversation occurs at all, it is usually based on some sentence along these lines that has apparently forced its way out of his mouth on the wave of a much larger, grander thought.

"Is Freckles kosher?" he asked once. "You should only keep kosher animals."

"Well," I tried to joke, "I'm not going to eat her.

He did not think I was the least funny and patiently tried to explain what's what to me. "My mommy says you should keep only kosher animals," he said.

"Your mommy is absolutely right," I said, a committed mother-firster. "And your mommy knows the rules that are right for you and your house. Many people agree with her."

"But," I added, "my mommy thought we should have dogs when I was a kid, so I have always had a dog, and Freckles is my dog now. We don't feed her *treife*, but since she doesn't have split hooves and she doesn't chew her cud, she isn't a kosher animal. Anyway, I don't think our house is big enough for a cow."

He nodded seriously. There are those who think I can be humorous, but this child is not one of them. "My mommy says you should keep kosher animals," he repeats firmly, obviously convinced that I will eventually catch on.

"Yes, she does," I say, "and you should listen to her."

I haven't had the chance to ask his mom if his interpretation of her opinion is correct; it may or may not be. We are both so busy that most of our conversations are an across-the-street wave and a smile.

His mother lets him play with our dog, I suspect, because the very last thing she needs, with her several children and her immaculate big house and her busy schedule, is a dog, or for that matter, a pet of any stripe, wet or flying, rabbit or rhino, feline, canine or bovine.

She tolerates her son's fondness for Freckles like she'd tolerate any other incomprehensible hobby that didn't offer actual bodily harm to creature or small boy. She is not a "dog" person, but she is a small child person, and so am I.

I am tickled to find her son at my door. I am fond of him, and touched by his earnest solemnity.

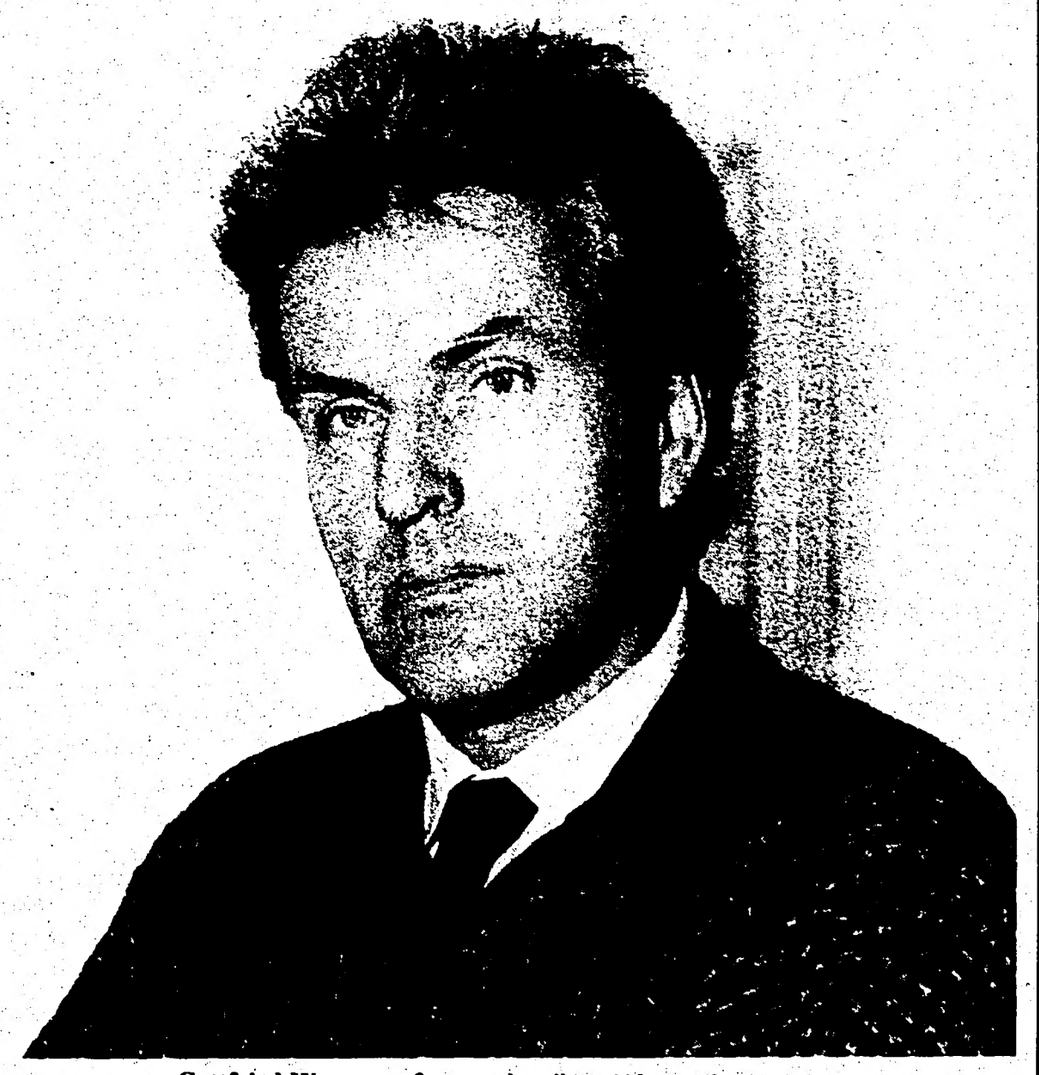
He is wonderful for our dog. My daughters are older and no longer dress her in flannel nightgowns or harness her to wagons. My son is too young to do more than tackle her, fall upon her and splash in her water dish.

But this young neighbor is the perfect playmate. Just ask the dog. You can find her easily about 4 p.m., lying by the door, head cocked, waiting for the bell to ring.

Features

Wagner was 'misused' by Nazi Germany

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Gottfried Wagner refuses to be silent (Alron photo).

Gottfried Wagner, the great great grandson of Richard Wagner, the German composer whose music is officially scorned in Israel, says half-facetiously, "If you ever go to Bayreuth, please don't mention my name. It's a bad recommendation."

It would seem at first glance that someone of his pedigree would be highly regarded in the German town which stages the prestigious Bayreuth Festival.

But nothing could be further from the truth.

In Bayreuth, where Wagner is revered, Gottfried is something of a pariah.

"It's difficult to be a Wagner in Germany when you don't agree with the established view of my great great grandfather," sighs Gottfried, a musicologist, philosopher and philologist.

An intense man in his mid-40s, Gottfried is the object of fierce controversy in Wagnerian circles because he refuses to remain silent about Wagner's scornful attitude toward Jews.

In a notorious pamphlet entitled *Judaism in Music*, Wagner (1813-1883) claimed that Jews were exerting a baneful and destructive influence on German music. Wagner was Adolf Hitler's favorite composer, and today, despite the fact that he died 50 years before Hitler rose to power, Wagner is generally reviled in Israel as a symbol of anti-Semitism, the Third Reich and the Holocaust.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has not played Wagner as part of its regular program since April 1938, and the ban on Wagner seems unassailable. Last December, howls of protest forced conductor Daniel Barenboim to cancel a planned concert featuring excerpts from *Tristan and Isolde* and *The Flying Dutchman*.

Gottfried empathizes with the boycott. "I don't believe Wagner should be performed in Israel, at least in official public institutions, so long as Holocaust survivors are alive. You have to respect this. But for those who wish it, Wagner should be played."

Gottfried, rather than embarrassed by Wagner's anti-Semitism, considers his legacy a burden and a responsibility.

While denouncing *Judaism in Music* as "disgusting and shameful," Gottfried feels it is his duty to further a better understanding of Wagner. "He was an ambivalent, contradictory figure," he observes in an interview. Gottfried was recently in Toronto to deliver a lecture on Wagner and Israel under the auspices of the Goethe Institute, the University of Toronto, the Wagner Society and the Sutton Place Hotel.

Wagner, Gottfried freely acknowledges, was definitely an anti-Semite, but one who reserved his greatest venom for Orthodox Jews. Wagner counted assimilated Jews, such as Hermann Levi, among his best friends. Levi conducted the first performance of *Parsifal*.

Gottfried argues that it is misleading to equate Wagner with Hitler. "Wagner never had in mind the Final Solution. He has nothing to do with the Holocaust. This is a most important point."

According to Gottfried, Wagner was "misused" by Nazi Germany. Gottfried points an accusing finger at his late, British-born grandmother, Winifried, an ardent Nazi and the director of the Bayreuth Festival after the death of her husband, Siegfried, in 1930. Winifried, he suggests, was only too glad to exploit Wagner's musical reputation for political ends.

"She was a Nazi till the day she died in 1980. She was a representative of vulgar, racist anti-Semitism. She was shocked that I, a Wagner, had written my PhD thesis on a Jewish composer, Kurt Weill. And she claimed that Auschwitz was a Jewish lie."

Gottfried strongly disagrees with the notion that Wagner was a forerunner of Nazism. "Chronologically and historically, it is not true. There is no direct line between Wagner's writings and Auschwitz."

Wagner, he adds, distanced himself from "the vulgar anti-Semitic movements of his time." And while he certainly belittled Judaism, he also attacked Christianity, Gottfried points out.

Staunch Wagnerians in Germany are not impressed by Gottfried's efforts to draw a more rounded picture of his great great grandfather.

They did not take kindly to four lectures on Wagner he delivered at Tel Aviv University in January 1990. Detractors said he had fouled his own nest and besmirched the Bayreuth Festival. The response in Israel, on the other hand, was "overwhelmingly positive."

Wagnerians, too, disliked Gottfried's jaundiced analysis of a 1985 exhibit on Jews and Wagner mounted by the Bayreuth Festival.

Gottfried has little patience with such critics. As he puts it: "They are trying to repress — and forget — Wagner's anti-Semitic dimension."

Partly because of his decision "to break the silence" with regard to Wagner, Gottfried no longer lives in Germany, but in Italy with his Italian wife. "I breathe better in Italy," he says.

Gottfried grew up in Bayreuth, blithely unaware of the Nazi era and the Holocaust. At the age of 9, his life changed when he watched a BBC TV documentary on Nazi Germany. "I saw frightening pictures of concentration camps, accompanied by Wagner's music. I was not at all prepared for this. My parents had not told me anything."

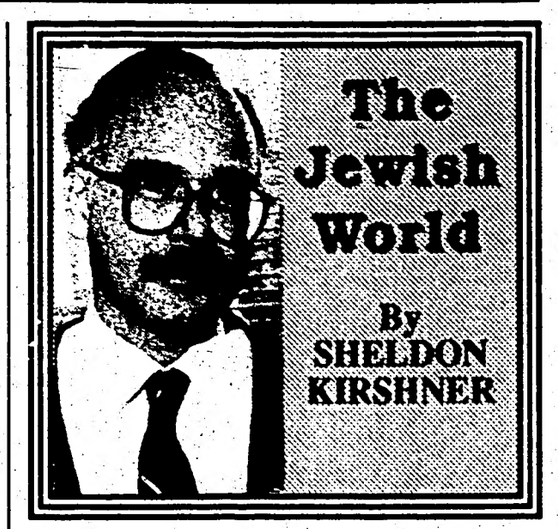
Gottfried's father, Wolfgang, is the current director of the Bayreuth Festival theatre. "He was a soldier in Poland, and was wounded on the third day (of Germany's invasion)." His mother, who was a ballet dancer, was "absolutely not politically involved with the Nazis."

Recalling his childhood, Gottfried muses, "The Holocaust was a taboo subject in our house. It was a typically German attitude after the war. In my history class in high school, the inter-war period from 1918 to 1945 was ignored. But I wondered about it, and developed a concrete interest in the Holocaust. The whole story of the Holocaust was unbelievable, shameful."

A graduate of the University of Vienna, Gottfried describes himself as the "most radical" member of his clan insofar as his atttitude to Wagner is concerned. He implicitly compares himself to his father's oldest sister, Friedelind, who, as an anti-Nazi, left Germany after the rise of Hitler.

Gottfried, who is currently working on a manuscript on the historic relationship between Germans and Jews, has often been urged "to close the book on Wagner." But he refuses.

"This will be a matter of concern to me for the rest of my life."



Historian Paul Lawrence Rose has just written a book that, he claims, is the first comprehensive attempt to decode and analyze the anti-Semitic elements in Richard Wagner's theoretical works and music.

Wagner — Race and Revolution will be released in Britain by Faber and Faber in June and by Yale University Press in September.

Rose's volume will be published in the wake of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's abortive attempt in December 1991 to offer its subscribers a Wagner concert. Wagner's music is officially banned in Israel because he is widely regarded as a forerunner to Nazism.

A visiting professor at York University in Toronto, Rose argues that Wagner's revolutionary inclinations merged with his reactionary, racist world view. "Wagner did not suddenly change from being a revolutionary to being a racist. For him, the German idea of revolution contained always a racial and anti-Semitic core."

Wagner, said Rose in an interview, was not an "ordinary anti-Semite," but "the great legitimizer who installed anti-Semitism at the centre of the program of German national renewal.

"More than anyone else, Wagner established the Jew in German popular consciousness as a new secularized symbol of absolute evil that would replace the old Christian image of the Jew as Christ-killer.

"Wagner shaped 19th century German anti-Semitism. He made it into a respectable position."

According to Rose, Wagner conveyed his views in pamphlets such as *Judaism in Music* and *Religion and Art: The Cycle of Essays*. The latter, while written in code language, is particularly incendiary.

Although it is true that Wagner looked down on vulgar anti-Semitic agitators like Wilhelm Marr (who supposedly coined the phrase anti-Semitism), he regarded such crude propagandists as 'useful idiots.'

No ordinary anti-Semite

Rose, whose last book was entitled *Revolutionary Anti-Semitism in Germany from Kant to Wagner*, is convinced that Wagner was absolutely fundamental to the formation of anti-Semitism in Nazi ideology.

"Hitler himself stated that he accepted only one precursor for his Nazi revolutionism — and that was Wagner."

To Rose, Wagner's operas are suffused with subtle anti-Semitism. "There remains in the music a distillate of Wagner's own personality, above all, his violent hatreds."

In *Rheingold*, Albert, "the bad dwarf," is a caricature of Jewish capitalism. "And there is a parody here of a Chassidic chant." *Tristan and Isolde* is impregnated, philosophically, with anti-Jewish allusions. *Parsifal* is a racial opera. In *Meistersinger*, Beckmesser, the comic villain, is modelled after Wagner's real-life enemy, Hanslick, whom he thought was Jewish.

Rose takes issue with Wagner's great great grandson, Gottfried, who holds that Wagner was "misused" by the Nazis. "Wagner was a conscious anti-Semite, and it's no coincidence that he was Hitler's favorite composer."

Given his record, Wagner should be perpetually banned in Israel, said Rose. "The case for not performing Wagner in Israel is that his music would have a cruel effect on Holocaust survivors. But while one should certainly consider the sensitivities of survivors, this argument dangerously mistakes the real issue.

"The Israeli ban on Wagner is a pre-eminent ritual for warding off the dissolution of one of the core experiences of Jewish history and memory — the Holocaust. The questions of Wagner's anti-Semitism and Hitler's exploitation of it are fundamental. But what is ultimately at stake in banning Wagner is the sustaining of the memory of the Holocaust itself."

Rose, a British Jew who is Hecht professor of history at Haifa University, spent more than a decade researching and writing *Wagner — Race and Revolution*. In his opinion, it will reopen the debate about Wagner with a vengeance.

He is prepared for the inevitable criticism. Detractors, he said confidantly, will be hard-pressed "to demolish my thesis."

Musicians battle joblessness

By
HANNAH ROSIN

"I'm a musician of international standing," pianist Vladimir Bakk insisted indignantly, "and after 18 months in this country I'm still jobless. Life here is unendurable — horrible."

Bakk is only one in a chorus of Russian musicians who voice their bitter complaints about the state of the music world in Israel. Thousands of these musicians leave instruments home each day while they go out to look for other jobs, and return home angry about the lack of culture in Israel and the lack of places to play.

The numbers are astounding; the proportion of musicians among the olim is estimated by some to be as high as 30 per cent, and there is usually at least one musician in every family. A joke among absorption workers overloaded with musicians' requests goes, "If a Russian oleh walks off the plane not carrying a violin case, then he's a pianist."

A joke which more accurately reflects the desperate feeling among the olim goes, "If you could understand Russian, you would know that the janitors at the airport were talking about the anniversary of Mozart."

But the olim are very serious when they complain about the utter lack of opportunity in Israel. Bakk won first prize in the International Piano Competition in Montevideo in 1972, has toured the world and made six recordings. He scorns the "low cultural level in this Oriental country," and wants to leave for Europe or the U.S.

The problem is especially serious for middle-rung musicians, who have already completed conservatories and established excellent local reputations within the Soviet Union, but have not yet reached international fame.

Marina Solodovnick, a pianist from the Moscow Conservatory struggling to break through, complains that she does not even know what the obstacles are, since the system for advancement in Israel is so random.

Gaining placement in the academy here has to do with everything except how well you play, Solodovnick asserts. Sometimes they choose professors according to an academic degree, and sometimes there is no clear reason. There are certainly no competitions to determine ranking, which is how it should be.

The situation has turned many of the musicians hostile towards Israel and towards each other. "You cannot speak of one unified world; most of us have the same problem, and we do not help each other," Solodovnick says. As for her own future, she added "I'm in a bad mood, and I do not see any solution."

But the dire straits of these musicians have inspired some creative problem-solving. Gaby Talroze, a musician who has had more luck finding work in Israel, is convinced that a strong cultural community exists here and can be mobilized to create places for the musicians to play.

She suggests that Jerusalem organize another philharmonic orchestra, and open a new centre for musicians to play. Another popular suggestion is establishing a regular music program in high schools to provide work for the musicians and form a cultured audience for the future.

So far, close to 500 musicians from the former Soviet Union have found work in symphonies, chamber music groups, jazz bands, choirs, and music groups. New orchestras have been founded in Tel Aviv, Ra'anana, Rishon Lezion and other cities.

Still, even an optimist like Talroze admits that many of her friends remain without work and without hope, and many will leave Israel if their situation does not improve. *(JPFS)*

FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto--United Jewish Appeal / Operation Exodus Jack Chisvin, President • Steven Ain, Executive Director Thursday, April 2, 1992

Contributing

Three out of four households report making a contribution to a Jewish philanthropy or charity. Close to 60 percent report making a contribution to United Jewish Appeal.

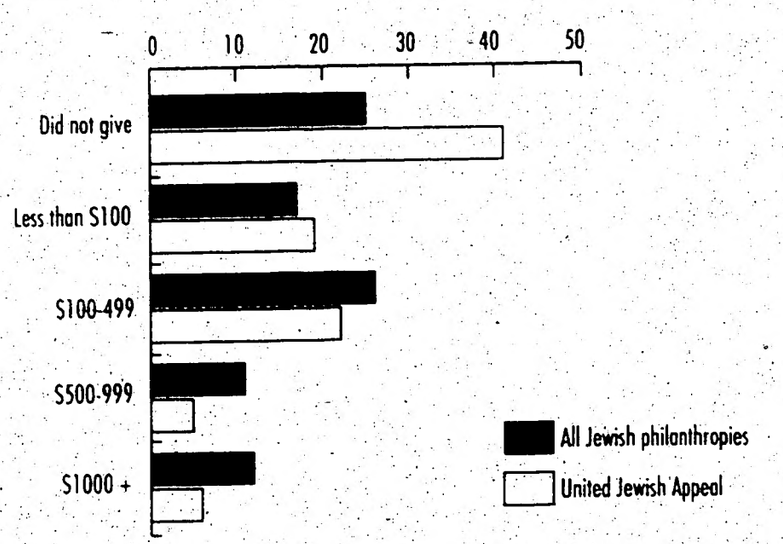
Greater Toronto places relatively high among North American communities in the proportion of households that contribute. An equivalent proportion of the community's households that give Jewishly report making a gift to a non-Jewish charity.

Of those who do not give, the majority are giving less than $500 annually per household. Combined with those who do not give at all, a sizeable proportion (68 percent) of Jews give either nothing or less than $500 per year to all Jewish philanthropies, including UJA (72 percent).

A wide range of motivations guide Toronto Jews in their decision to contribute. For example, approximately three-quarters of respondents who contribute to the UJA campaign are not motivated to give by a feeling of moral responsibility (76 percent) and to help Jews in Israel (74 percent). Another 72 percent say they give to help Jews worldwide, and 71 percent give to aid immigrants to Israel. A significant proportion of respondents, 69 percent, say they give to help provide services in the Toronto Jewish community. About one-half, 53 percent, give because it makes them feel part of the community.

Although giving is strong throughout the community, there are differences in various groups' tendencies to contribute.

Percent donating to Jewish philanthropies



Courtesy *A First Look*, a community study released June 1991 by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Fed Facts

The Jewish community tends to live in identifiable areas in Greater Toronto. Five sections of the city contain all but 16 percent of the Jewish population. Nearly a quarter of the population (24 percent) lives in Thornhill and portions of Richmond Hill.

Another large area of concentration is along Bathurst Street, between Steeles Avenue and Highway 401, where 22 percent of the population resides. Continuing south along Bathurst Street through the Lawrence Avenue area as far as Eglinton Avenue, another 11 percent — and 12 percent of the community lives south of Eglinton Avenue. An additional 15 percent of the population lives in a large eastern area, which incorporates the York Mills/Bayview and Steeles/Leslie areas.

Finally, 16 percent of the community is scattered throughout the rest of Greater Toronto. (from *A First Look*, a community study, released June 1991 by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto)

YIDDISH CLASS — In a word, "beh" has a variety of tastes and all sorts of interpretations, such as, for example: Come, if you dare! The goose is cooked! I'm on your side! Do your worst! A plague upon you! (Mendele Moicher Sforim, from his book Fishke the Lame, written 1869).

JFGT celebrates its diamond anniversary of service

"I'm in my Jack Benny year here," quipped Jack Chisvin recently. Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, was referring to the fact that he has just entered his 39th consecutive year of commitment to the Federation.

Likewise, the Federation has arrived at a milestone. This year, the Jewish community's central social service funding and delivery system is marking its 75th anniversary. And with its name change, the organization has come full-circle — still devoted to life in the Jewish community locally, in Israel and beyond.

Last June, Toronto Jewish Congress became the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The "TJC" name had been selected in the mid-1970s for the organization, which had been known as the United Jewish Welfare Fund since the 1930s, and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies before that, since its founding in 1916.

In 1950, Chisvin became involved in the United Jewish Appeal's Metropolitan cam-paign. Soon afterward, the young engineer became involved in the UJA's Construction Division.

"In those days, the community was totally different," Chisvin recalls. "It was tight-knit and cohesive. If you posted a note at the corner of either Spadina and College or Eglinton and Bathurst, you could be sure you were reaching the entire Jewish community.

Chisvin, like other long-time residents of Toronto's Jewish community, has witnessed wave upon wave of immigrants settle in the city, including Czeck Jews, Hungarians, Israelis, Russians, South Africans, and those who have come from Montreal.

"We've diversified through rapid growth," says Chisvin. "Now, the Jewish community is geographically dispersed, from Oakville to Pickering and elsewhere."

Chisvin wants to bring back the feeling of one single, strong community, united in its differences and meeting on common ground.

"Greater Toronto," he says. "We want to include everybody in the vicinity, and not just in the city proper.

Jack Chisvin

Fundraising instrumental in establishing Jewish Federation

In recognition of its new profile, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto features this historical account of the changes that launched the Federation from its inception.

The First World War wrought many changes in the Jewish community of Toronto. During the first years of war, it was necessary to absorb thousands of new immigrants to Toronto. Coordination of services was imperative and produced the Associated Hebrew Charities in 1912, which was the fusing of an information centre with an independently structured fund raising organization (in short, a federation). Under this system, constituent organizations would maintain their separate identities but would unite for fund raising and planning. For Jewish charities in Toronto, 1916 was a year of crisis. Money was not forthcoming even for basic relief, let alone for the maintenance of physical facilities. The ladies' societies, approaching bankruptcy because of the financial crisis, were unable to supply coal to their dependent families, and preparations were underway to sell the Associated Hebrew Charities building on Simcoe Street to pay the taxes.

The federation concept had been filtering into the community for years.

The Hebrew Journal attempted through its editorials to prepare the Jewish community for the first campaign, planned for February, 1917, with a goal of $30,000.

Ida Siegel attempted to test public opinion on the subject by calling a meeting at the Zionist Institute on Beverly Street in the fall of 1916, to which workers in synagogues, societies and charitable organizations were invited. A catalyst emerged in JJ Allen, prominent on the local theatrical scene and an individual with a circle of acquaintances encompassing the whole spectrum of the Jewish community.

The list of individuals who attended the organizational meeting of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies at Edmund Scheuer's grand Rosedale residence in October, 1916, illustrates Allen's success in attracting prominent supporters from a variety of elements in the community.

The group resolved that a federation be formed immediately and circulated in the Jewish community the call for the election of officers. The initiative came from Holy Blossom and Goel Tzedec, the two principal congregations, and from the philanthropic groups associated with them. However, a provisional board of trustees, elected later that month, included not only additional synagogue-affiliated individuals, but secularists and socialists as well. The *Hebrew Journal* attempted through its editorials to prepare the Jewish community for the first campaign, planned for February, 1917, with a goal of $30,000.

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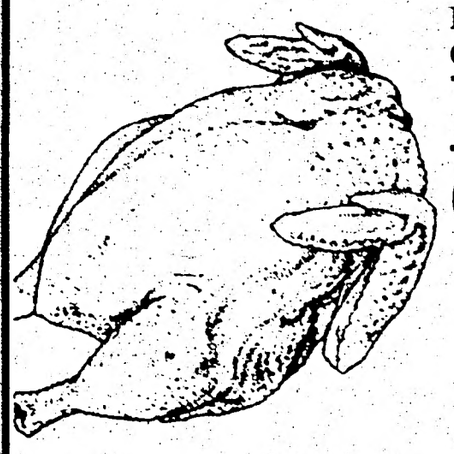

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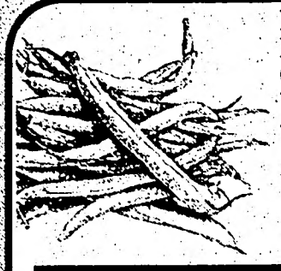

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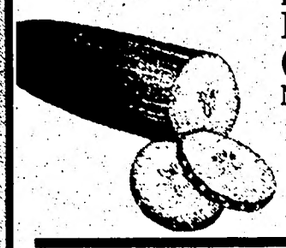

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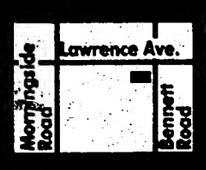

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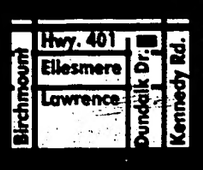

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Intermarriage, assimilation on CJC agenda

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Intermarriage and assimilation, perennial items on the Jewish agenda, prompted a lively debate at the recent meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario regional executive.

One speaker called for universal free Jewish education, while others questioned whether education alone and short-term intensive programs of immersion into a Jewish milieu were enough to maintain a Jewish identity.

The discussion was kicked off by a presentation by Congress' Ontario region executive-director Yehuda Lipsitz, who described sociological data that created "shock and disbelief" at a recent meeting of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Baltimore.

The U.S. statistics showed that from 1955-90, 52 percent of Jews who married, tied the knot with a non-Jew.

Out of 400,000 Jewish college students in the United States, only 2,000 had ever been to Israel, while during the past 20 years, 60,000 Jewish young people joined cults or missionary groups.

Only 28 percent of the children of mixed marriages were being raised as Jews, Lipsitz reported, and fewer than seven percent of Jewish children receive a day school education.

Noting that the data was gathered in the United States, Lipsitz asked whether the same pattern will repeat in Canada in a generation or two.

Lipsitz said the discussion in Baltimore concluded there was no quick fix to the problem of assimilation and intermarriage and that no one organization can tackle the issue alone. The delegates also felt that family involvement was the key to Jewish continuity.

Claire Sookman, executive director of the Jewish Students Federation at York University, told the meeting that "destructive cults" on campus entice young people through deception, focusing on those in a vulnerable state and promising them enlightenment, health and holiness.

She said that contrary to a popular misconception, it is not only "weak students" who become involved with cults. Students living on their own and exposed to a new lifestyle are in a transition period, which makes them vulnerable, she said.

Faygie Schwartz, co-chairman of Congress' committee on assimilation and intermarriage, asked the regional executive for "major funding" for programs designed to combat the problem.

The committee was struck in the wake of a 1989 task force report on assimilation and intermarriage.

Schwartz said a number of programs are available in Toronto to foster a Jewish environment and bring Jews together. Lunchtime lecture series in downtown offices attract some people. The Institute for Jewish Learning at the Jewish Community Centre also brings together many people and Congress' annual Tu B'Av program attracts about 600 singles to the JCC's North Y branch.

Schwartz expressed disappointment that little had been done on the task force's call for quality, subsidized day Jewish care with kosher food and Jewish content.

In other reports, Gerald Enchin, executive director of the London Jewish Federation, said smaller Jewish communities still retain a "vitality of communal existence."

Enchin said that to "sustain emotional linkage with the Jewish community and Israel," Jewish education beyond the public school age was required.

He also called for a Jewish overnight camping experience, visits to Israel and he urged continued subsidies for programs and lay volunteer involvement to help maintain Jewish life in small centres.

During a subsequent question period, Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive vice-president of Mizrachi, said that Congress should push for universal free Jewish education.

He stressed the importance of Jewish day schools, saying they involve families in various community programs. Without day schools, the community dies, he said.

Robert (Eli) Rubenstein, co-chairman of the committee on assimilation and intermarriage, said Jewish education alone is not enough to solve the problem. Many who receive a good Jewish education still end up marrying non-Jews, he pointed out.

Citing a recent article in *Moment* magazine, he said that for Jewish identity to survive, "a critical mass" of Jewishness and activities is needed, in which people are involved in something Jewish during their day.

Without that, no amount of programs or funding will make a difference, he said.

BGU Associates launch scholarships

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Associates of Ben-Gurion University has announced the creation of two new scholarship funds thanks to Dr. Ben Sokoloff and Ben Loban.

Loban, who will be 90 in April, has established the Ben Loban Endowed Scholarship for a needy student attending Ben-Gurion University. BGU is one of many educational institutions Loban has supported with scholarship over the years, in appreciation of the fact that it was a scholarship that allowed his brother and him to study music at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

The Russian-born Loban began studying violin in his youth even before coming to Winnipeg with his family in 1913. He studied at the Royal Academy from 1919 to 1922. Returning to Winnipeg, he appeared as a soloist at the Capital Theatre, wrote an illustrated violin book for beginners and gave lessons on the radio for a while in the mid-1920. He estimates, by the number of books sold, that he had about 3,000 listeners.

In the late 1920s, Loban went back to England where, for the next 25 years, he was an orchestra leader and conductor. He was one of the conductors for the Savoy Orpheems and had his own orchestra.

He came back to Canada in 1954 and settled in Toronto for three years where he operated a violin shop. In 1957, he came back to Winnipeg and opened a real estate practice. He also played with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Loban has been retired for 12 years. His only son, Gerald, and his family live in Toronto.

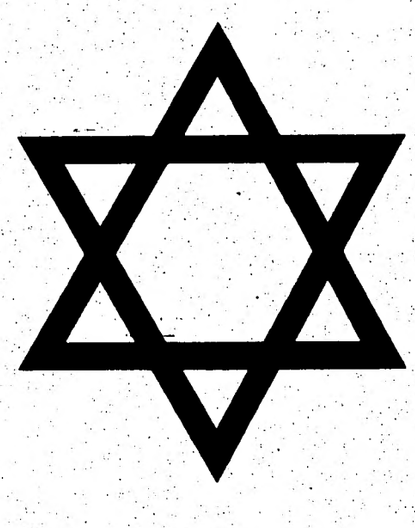
Dr. Ben Sokoloff's scholarship is for Sephardi Studies through Ben-Gurion University's Centre for Studies in Sephardi Heritage. His scholarship is in memory of Daniel Trocme, a righteous gentile who was killed by the Nazis during World War II while trying to save Jews in southern France.

A former professor of English at the University of Manitoba, Sokoloff was drawn to Trocme and his family through his involvement in Amnesty International and the peace movement. He read their story in a book entitled *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed.*

"Daniel Trocme's uncle, Andre Trocme, was a Protestant minister in L'Eschambault," Sokoloff says. "He was a pacifist. When a Jewish woman came to his door for help, his wife, Magda [who is still living] took her in. They mobilized the town. About 5,000 Jews were saved by the townspeople at great risk to themselves. Daniel was captured with a group of Jewish boys he was looking after. They were the only ones discovered by the Nazis."

After reading their story, Sokoloff made contact with the Trocme family and got to know them. He decided to honor Daniel Trocme's memory with a scholarship in Sephardi studies because this year is the 500th anniversary of the forced Jewish exodus from Spain. He also feels the study of Sephardi culture has been neglected in Israel and deserves more recognition.

Ben-Gurion University's Centre for Studies in Sephardi Heritage promotes research in Sephardi history, language and culture.



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Organizations and People

Finals in the senior public speaking competition sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation took place at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. The winner (centre) was Jordan Feld, 18, of Toronto, a student at the University of Western Ontario. The finalists were Philip Kurtz and Cecile Bensiman. Also shown at right is Avrom Gossack of the CZF.

CZF stresses public speaking

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Ilan Lenga, 17, and Jordan Feld, 18, both of Toronto, won trips to Israel as the winners in the public speaking competition sponsored by the Central region of the Canadian Zionist Federation. The trips were donated by Helen and Harold Shneer.

Lenga, in the junior division, and Feld, in the senior, both happened to choose the same topic from the several offered: Trading land for peace will provide a solution to the Arab-Israel conflict.

Both took a negative position on the statement, arguing that giving away land would leave Israel in a vulnerable position. Feld argued that Israel should not give up even one inch of territory.

The winners and runners-up will be speaking at synagogue adult education groups, brotherhoods and sisterhoods, and at other organizations on the topics of their choice. "An essence of public speaking competition is to give the contestants a chance to gain their own experience in this way," said Denise Gold-Bagley, executive director.

Lenga is a student at CHAT while Feld attends the University of Western Ontario in London.

The runners-up in the junior category were Uri Etigson, Brett Abrahams and Milena Romalis, all of Toronto. In the senior division, Philip Kurtz, a student at the University of Western Ontario, and Cecile Bensiman, a student at Carleton University, Ottawa, were the runners-up.

In the junior division, the judges were Rabbi Steven Saltzman, David Goldberg and Selma Sage with David Rotenberg as moderator, and in the senior, Patricia Rucker, David Goldberg and Max Goody were judges and Reva Karstadt the moderator.

Reggie and Sidney Greenberg provided the trophy for the senior division as well as prizes for runners-up in both divisions.

The finals of the Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking competition for ages 15 - 18 years took place at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The trophy was donated by Harold and Helen Shneer, and was presented by Adell and Jennifer Shneer, to Ilan Lenga, the winner. Seen above are (from left) Uri Etigson, Adell Shneer, Jennifer Shneer, Ilan Lenga, Milena Romalis, Brett Abrahams.

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Theme:
Poland Today: Pluralism or Not?
Monday, April 6, at 8 p.m.
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DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e., Thursday, April 2 is deadline for April 16 issue and Thursday, April 9 is deadline for the April 23 issue).

Also, please remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, April 2

FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Canadian Association of Retired Persons is offering the first in a series of free financial planning workshops, 1:30-4 p.m., Thursday, April 2 at 27 Queen St. E., Suite 1304. Workshop leaders will be **Warren Mackenzie** and **Graham Byron**, authors of *The Financial Planning Workbook: Basic Steps to Financial Security*. To register call 595-1780.

Sunday, April 5

PASSOVER MODEL SEDER

The Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf is holding a Passover model seder, 1 p.m, Sunday, April 5 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members, 13 years and older, $2; non-members, 13 years and older, $5. Children under 13 are free. For information, call **Adam Arnold**, 864-1547 TDD or **Alan/Barrie Chiefetz**, 449-3818 TDD, evenings 7-9 p.m. By voice call BRS 1-800-267-6600 to reach TDD.

SYRIAN JEWRY

The adult education committee, Temple Har Zion, will be presenting the film, *In the Shadows, The Tragedy of Syrian Jewry*, 7:30 p.m. at the Temple, 7360 Bayview Ave. The film, winner of three American film awards, was commissioned by the **Dr. Ronald Feld** Fund and produced by **Cayle Chernin.**

COMEDY NIGHT

Tmicha Chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, is holding a comedy night, featuring some of Canada's funniest stand-up comedians, 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at the Laugh Resort, 26 Lombard St. Admission is $12 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds to Youth Aliyah. For tickets call **Marilyn**,669-5017 or **Leigh**, 731-5015.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood, 55 Yeomans Rd. is having **Anita Mayer** as its guest speaker on Sunday, April 5. Mayer is a Holocaust survivor and the author of *One Who Came Back*. She also knew **Anne Frank** and collaborated on the film, *The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank*.An abbreviated version of the film will be shown. Breakfast will be served, $3 per person. Everyone is welcome.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Learn the fundamentals of researching your family tree at the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada's second annual Jewish Genealogy Workshop, 1-5:15 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Doors open at noon for registration. Cost for non-members is $20 prior to April 1, $25 after April 1. Members pay $10.

For further information or to register, call 588-2318 or send cheque to Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, attention workshop coordinator, P.O. Box 446, Station A, Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5T1.

Monday, April 6

PASSOVER COOKING

Beth Sholom Sisterhood invites you to attend a Passover cooking demonstration, 8 p.m., Monday, April 6 in the synagogue banquet hall, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. featuring the Microwave Maven, **Lucille Chaplan**, teacher and author of articles on effectively using the microwave. Admission, $5. Everyone welcome.

SEPHARDI SONGS

Jewish Music Society of Toronto presents an Evening of Sephardi Song featuring renowned cantor **Alberto Mizrachi** with the Jewish Music Society Singers, 8 p.m., Monday, April 6, Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets $20. Call 631-5660 for information.

JEWISH DIABETES MEETING

Why is this Passover different from all other Passovers, is the topic of the next meeting of Jewish Diabetes chapter, to be held 8 p.m., Monday, April 6, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Come share a different view of Passover with a food display, Passover recipes and discussions. Admission $2 non-members, $1 members, everyone welcome.

POLAND TODAY

The Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada presents Polish historian **Adam Michnik** at 8 p.m., Monday, April 6, at Chestnut Park Hotel, Mandarin Ballroom, 108 Chestnut St. Michnik will speak in Polish but will take questions from the audience in English. Admission $5.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH

What Do the Rabbis Say? The Chabad Lubavitch Monday evening lecture series for men and women, continues 7:45-8:35 p.m., Monday, April 6, 770 Chabad Gate, when **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg** talks about gaining a richer appreciation of the Haggadah. At 8:50 p.m., **Rabbi D. Schochet** will discuss Jewish Business Ethics.

PESACH INSTITUTE

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations conclude their joint adult study Pesach Institute on The Laws of Pesach, Seder Tradition and Melodies, with **Rabbi Philip Scheim** and **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**, at 8 p.m., Monday, April 6, Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

DONATION TO EMUNAH

Emunah Women of Toronto is this year's recipient of the Annual Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Dinner and Draw. The money raised will enable Emunah Women to "Make the Difference" in settling new Olim and children in Israel and in providing education and loving care for disadvantaged children in Israel. From left are Dorothy Zeifman, Hannah Schusheim. Henry Zieleniec, Serge Eisenberg.

Tuesday, April 7

FEMINIST SEDER

Women in Interfaith Dialogue present The Legacy of Miriam, a Feminist Seder, 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. An explanation of the seder will be given and the symbolic elements of the ritual meal will be enjoyed at each table. Call 633-6224 for more information.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood presents **Ruby Newman**, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 7. Newman will review *America and I*, a book of short stories by American Jewish women authors, edited by **Joyce Antler**. Members and seniors $3; non-members $4. RSVP 781-3511.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Yiddishe Gauchos-The Day of Awe: Two Films about Argentinian Jewry is the topic of the next Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday morning study group, 9:45-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 7 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Contact **Rhonda**, 663-3812 about fees and babysitting.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families presents Pesach: A Family Tradition, 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. The program features a panel presentation followed by a question and answer period. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215, **Estelle Grader**, 487-7460 or **Sarah Arfin**, 770-1499 for more information.

Wednesday, April 8

POMEGRANATE GUILD

In Anticipation of Shavuot: Stitch the First Fruit and Veggies with **Haya Nativ** is the focus of the Pomegranate Guild meeting, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 at Holy Blossom Temple. For more information call **Sue Krivel**, 633-1903 or **Harriet Liebmann**, 222-7292.

BREAST HEALTH

Ontario Breast Screening Program is sponsoring Breast Health for Every Generation, at a meeting of Temple Sinai Sisterhood, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 210 Wilson Ave. Mothers, daughters and granddaughters, this is for you. Admission free.

ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP

An Israeli Dance Workshop with teacher/choreographer **Yomtov Ohayon** will be held 8:30-11:30 p.m., Wednesday April 8 at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., main dance studio featuring new dances, reviews and requests. Cost is $6. Contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880 ext. 364 or **Elaine**, ext. 273. Soft-soled shoes, please.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The "To Life" group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen,** 229-2600.

SONGS OF THE SEDER

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education committee presents Rituals, Ceremonies and Songs of the Seder featuring **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** and **Cantor Louis Danto.** 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 100 Elder St. Everyone welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Adath Israel Youth Department highlights *Fiddler on the Roof*, starring USY Drama, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Donation, $3 in advance, $5 at the door. Tickets are available at the synagogue and school offices or through the youth department.

Thursday, April 9

LIBRARY EVENTS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. presents two films, *First Contact* and *The First Forests* at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9. Admission is free.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

Cooper and Fine present a fundraising party at Vinefera Bar and Grill, 150 Eglinton Ave. W, 9 p.m., Thursday, April 9. Proceeds to benefit cystic fibrosis research. Tickets, $10 in advance, $12 at the door. For tickets or information call **Deborah**, 960-6268.

PUBLIC FORUM

Avi Armoni, (right) director, New Israel Fund in Israel, appeared at a public forum in Temple Solel, Mississauga, where he addressed Jerusalem: Pluralism and Politics. He is seen here with Temple Solel president, Gavin Herman (left), and Rabbi Larry Englander.

LAUGHTER AND CHEER

Dysautonomia Foundation Inc. welcomes all members and friends to share in an evening of laughter and cheer, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 9, Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. featuring **Dr. Mel Borins** who will speak on the Therapeutic Effects of Laughter. For information call **Tova Israeli,** 256-3197, **Bertha Lapidus,** 633-6747 or **Esther Dermer**, 636-7924.

HOME EQUITY PENSION PLAN

Canadian Association of Retired Persons is holding a free seminar on the Home Equity Pension Plan (reverse mortgage), 2-4 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 27 Queen St. E., Suite 1304. Seminar leaders are **Ev Blustein** and **Eric Sharp.** Everyone welcome. To register call 363-0120 or 1-800-465-0120.

JEWISH CIVIL RIGHTS

The Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists are featuring **Nathan Lewin** who will speak on the Role of Law and Lawyers in Protecting Religious Freedom and Fighting Anti-Semitism at a luncheon, 12 noon, Thursday, April 9 at Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Rd. Couvert $15. RSVP **Beverley Livshitz**, 635-2883, ext. 143. Mail payment to Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V2, attention Beverley Livshitz.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

National Council of Jewish Women is holding its annual Passover food drive, April 5-12. Donations and volunteers to assist in packing and delivery are required. Please call **Dody Rudson**, 633-5100.

HBT JUDAICA SHOP SALE

Holy Blossom Temple is holding a Judaica shop sale, Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. and Monday, April 6, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. Most items in the shop will be reduced by 20 percent. Many new items are available for Passover.

MUSIC FOR THE SENSES

North York Symphony's Music for the Senses presents pianist **Peter Toperczer** and conductor, **Kerry Stratton**, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets, $20. Call the box office at 630-6752.

LIBERAL JEWISH LEARNING

Registration is now on for courses in the spring program of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Classes begin the week of April 13 and include a Survey of Jewish Texts, Liberal Judaism and Jewish Prayer: High Holiday Liturgy. For a brochure, call 660-3154.

TZEDAKAH NIGHT

Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., is having its first annual Tzedakah Entertainment Night, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11, featuring performances by congregation members. The $8 admission includes door prizes. Proceeds will help Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. Call 889-2252.

INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIPS

Rabbi Steven Cohen of Kehillat Shaarei Torah examines the concerns of Jewish relationships with the Gentile world, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call 229-2600 to register.

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BETTER THE ODDS

A Monte Carlo Night is being held from 6 p.m., Saturday, April 11 at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. Door prize is a weekend trip to Atlantic City. Proceeds go to the Canadian Cancer Society and Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge No. 1800. Admission and draw entry $5. Lottery License No. P913208. For inquiries call 226-0646.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Perhaps a Tel-Aide volunteer could be a friend for a while. Sensitive persons are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610. All have taken an extensive training course and are well qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, formerly Toronto Jewish Congress.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service offers these workshops:

Single in the '90s: Aerobics for the Heart and Mind will discuss new relationships, projecting a positive image, intimacy and more. (begins April 15)

Social Skills and Self Esteem helps participants with communication skills and to feel better about themselves. (begins April 9)

Midlife Menopause and Me discusses myths, alternatives, life changes and coping strategies. (begins mid-May)

For information about registration and fees call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM

The Ontario Breast Screening Program, for women aged 50 and over, funded by the Ministry of Health and supported by the Canadian Cancer Society, is now available in Toronto. Breast screening involves physical breast examination by a specially trained nurse examiner, mammogram and teaching of monthly breast self-examination. The service is free of charge. For an appointment call North York Women's Screening Centre, 100 Sheppard Ave. E, 512-0601; Toronto Centre, 110 Bloor St. W., 928-1379; or Scarborough Women's Screening Centre, 10 Milner Business Court, 298-2626.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is now accepting registration for its courses. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 15 sessions. Free introductory private lessons for beginners.

All courses are under the supervision of **Joseph Klinger**. For consultation and registration call 787-0197 or 781-3571.

SEDER FOR AIDS

The AIDS committee at Holy Blossom Temple would like to invite you to the second annual seder for AIDS, 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 625 Church St., 3rd Square Cafe, basement level. Wheelchair accessible. No charge but RSVP a must. Call **Cindy Hershon-Zackon** for reservations, 789-3291.

HEBREW AT BETH EMETH

Learn to read and write Hebrew through basic blessings and prayers in a course, beginning May 5, sponsored by North York Board of Education. Fee is $15 for 6 sessions. Seniors free. Registration Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Call 636-3544 for more information.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Blossom Brotherhood Breakfast Club welcomes the temple sub-committee on AIDS who will speak on Sunday April 5 on Your Granddaughter has AIDS: What Now? Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30. Everyone welcome.

HABONIM BREAKFAST MEETING

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Elinor Caplan**, MPP, Oriole, talk about What is a Nice Girl like You Doing in Politics?- her personal experience in making her mark in politics, 10 a.m., Sunday, April 5 at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Breakfast and lecture, $6 per person.

TORONTO ZIONIST COUNCIL

The young leadership division of Toronto Zionist Council will present Common Ground, a provocative participatory experience at 10 a.m., Sunday, April 5 in the Haifa Room, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Co-chairmen are **Paula Horn** and **Marc Schualb**. Phone 781-3571 for reservation.

YIDDISH INFORMATION DAY

Come find out what's happening in Yiddish at Toronto's first Yiddish Information Day for children and adults, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor rotunda. Meet Yiddish teachers, see movies, listen to tapes and receive information on Yiddish programs and activities. Sponsored by committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the North York Board of Education. For information call **Bonnie Kates**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

BETH TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tikvah Men's Club invites the community to attend its next breakfast meeting at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Sunday, April 5. Guest speaker is **Sarah Casse**, executive director of the Canada Israel Gesher Foundation, who will talk on The Challenge of Diversity. Breakfast, $5, at 9:45 a.m., speaker, 10:15 a.m.

STRESS CONTROL FOR THE '90s

Dr. Claude Brodeur, head of psychology at University of Toronto, will demonstrate how you can cope with stress in a healthy way at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The lecture is sponsored by the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim and the Canadian Association of Jewish Vegetarians. Admission is $5; seniors and students $2. No charge to members of Shaarei Shomayim and CAJV.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The public is invited to an open discussion with Jerald Bain, M.D., on You, Your Children and Sexual Orientation. Bain will provide a medical, ethical and social perspective on the issue of sexual orientation and behavior. The time is 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 5 at JCC Northeast Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. Nominal fee for non-members. Call **Eva Goldfinger**, 889-7450 for information.

A TIME FOR ME

Seniors can interact with others, discover inner strengths and learn to look at life in new and rewarding ways at A Time for Me, co-sponsored by Baycrest Centre, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Jewish Family and Child Service and Senior Care. The 10 90-minute sessions are led by qualified facilitators and are offered several times during the year at one of the sponsoring agencies. The $10 includes materials and refreshments. Call 635-2883, ext. 169, for information.

for seniors

The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. will hear a speaker from the Osteoporosis Society, 2 p.m, Thursday, April 2. Bagels and coffee follow. Cost is $1.

Earl Bales Seniors Club is holding a dance, 7-10 p.m., Saturday, April 4 in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members $1. There will be a dance featuring a live band in the community centre, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12. Members, $3 non-members $4. A movie will be presented 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, in the clubhouse. Free to members, non-members $1. A new Activity Friendship Club for singles, widows and widowers is scheduled every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. in the clubhouse. A bingo is held every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. in the clubhouse. Everyone welcome. Book now for a Catskills trip, July 19-24. For all upcoming trips and activities, call 636-7856 Monday-Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-27. Three musical matinees are now being booked at Art Park, also the play *Shirley Valentine*, at the Bluma Appel Theatre (almost booked). On Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. the Coping with Life lectures feature **Harriet Sharkey**. The 10 sessions are co-sponsored by North York Board of Education. For details on these and various ongoing programs call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Join the **North York Community House** every Thursday for fitness classes 10-11 a.m., current event disscussions, 11-1 p.m. and lectures, bingo, bridge and other games 1-3 p.m. at 3101 Bathurst St. Call 784-0920.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information call **Avner Meiri**, 771-0250, **Oved Azuri**, 631-9794 or the Wagman Centre, **Shelley Dunkelman**, 789-5131, ext. 2273.

The following events and programs take place at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave.

Every Wednesday morning, current events discussions led by **Doug Haddow** are held in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 10-11:30 a.m.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, April 12, in the library of the Wagman Centre. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

A reminder that seniors in North York can order take-out kosher meals from the Wagman Centre. For only $6.25 (except Friday when dinner is $8.25) you can have a full home-cooked meal. Meals can be prepared salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular. To order your meal, purchase your ticket at the Wagman Centre and bring it to the Food Services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. In addition, take-out frozen entree meals, soups in two-litre containers and kugels (potato and noodle) are available. Just come and pick them up.

The Minimal Vision Program for residents and members features communication and environmental adaptation with **Carol Kalachnik,** senior worker, CNIB, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Monday, April 6 in the Fireside Lounge.

Everyone is welcome to join the new senior citizens club, **Hadar**, which meets every Monday, noon-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Room 2, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. For more information call **Viola Landman,** 886-2625.

LZA Seniors is holding its annual third seder, April 19 with the JCC choir and guest soloist. A 14-day trip through the mountains of Western Canada is planned for June 14-26. This is followed by a week in July at the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, first bus leaving Toronto July 26 and second bus leaving July 28. Trips to Ottawa and the 1000 Islands are planned. The season is closed by a trip to Stratford to see the *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute features **Bunny Bergstein** of Sherr, Bergstein and Crackower who will discuss strategies for enhancing annual income, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9 in the synagogue.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band at the dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The Friendship Club for those who are single and on their own will hold a meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2. A video of a concert in an open theatre in Rome will be shown. Refreshments. Cost $4, members only.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

The Sunday Purim Concert, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5 features **Rachel Kastroyano** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Enjoy a full lunch menu at a reasonable price every Sunday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Members $4.50, non-members $7.50.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Stress in the Later Years, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2 in the synagogue. Admission free, everyone welcome. Living with Hearing Challenges will be the topic, 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 in the cultural room. Admission free. Register at the Wellness Desk.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

Find out about the Bloor Y Theatre Goers, a new group for 33-45 year olds. To get on the mailing list and for more information call **Luni**, 924-6211.

North East Valley branch JCC offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening 7:30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. For members. To inquire, call **Nurit**, 889-0813.

The Bloor Y will hold its annual Roslyn Cohen Passover seder, 8:15 p.m., Saturday, April 18. For more information call **Bill Emery** 924-6211.

Koffler Centre School of Dance presents the dancers of the Quinte Ballet School, professional division, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, Leah Posluns Theatre. For information and tickets call the theatre, 630-5659.

The North Y branch offers a Pesach camp for children ages 4-12, April 21, 22, 23, 9-4 p.m. Cost is $30 a day or $80 all three days. Activities include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, drama, music and special events. For more information, call **Stephanie** at 636-1880, ext. 283.

BEN-DOR LECTURE

The Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada and Temple Har Zion Kadima committee recently had a briefing on Israeli domestic politics and the quest for peace. From left are Sheldon Lerman, B'nai Brith Canada; Hariette Lampert, chairman, Kadima; Joe Nadler, chairman Adult Education; Dr. Gabriel Ben-Dor, visiting professor, York University Centre for Strategic Studies; Rabbi Michael Stroh; and Cantor Martin Steinhouse.

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Organizations and People

BIU adopt-a-student program to be inaugurated in Canada

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"If we find a cure for cancer," says Rony Steinitz, Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University's national executive director, "we won't need any more [financial] help," speaking of the need to fundraise, not just for his organization, but for "all Jewish organizations."

Although a cure for cancer may not be around the corner, it could be more than just a pipe dream at Bar-Ilan. "We're very strong in cancer research," Steinitz told *The CJN* in an interview at the new office of Canadian Friends, located in Concord, Ontario.

Steinitz is also enthusiastic about Alzene, a new drug for Alzheimer's which was recently approved for testing in Canada. Alzene was developed by Bar-Ilan professor Shlomo Yehuda.

In addition to research, a new project called Exodus 2000 is at the forefront for Bar-Ilan. Aimed at facilitating integration of Russian and Ethiopian olim, one of the more unusual aspects of the project is an adopt-a-student program launched several months ago in the United States, which will be inaugurated here shortly.

Rony Steinitz

Five thousand dollars (Canadian) will pay one year's tuition for one student. The donor receives a personal letter from the student, a photo, biography and biannual progress reports. There is a strong sense of personal connection with Israel.

There is also a strong connection with Jewish heritage for students at Bar-Ilan. When the university opened in 1955, "it was very much a religious university," says Steinitz. Over the years the emphasis on Jewish studies has remained constant, while the proportion of non-observant students has increased. In fact, says Steinitz, there are 200 or 300 Arab students at the school.

"In order to get a degree at Bar-Ilan," says Steinitz, "you have to take at least 25 percent Jewish studies," emphasizing that this doesn't mean religious studies. "We don't know anybody who says they've wasted 25 percent of their time at Bar-Ilan," Steinitz says with a smile.

Steinitz finds the Toronto Jewish community very dedicated to Israel's needs.

Despite the fact that he thinks comparisons are unfair, he has noted a different attitude in South American Jewish communities which can be traced to financial and political instability that they have experienced. "For instance, how often would you find a Canadian Jew saying, 'Whatever happens, I have Israel to go to. We have to take care that Israel will always exist'.

"We really need the Jewish world," said Steinitz. "I'm not just referring to Bar-Ilan, but to universities in Israel generally. Any type of assistance, both funds and equipment, will enable us to achieve many good things in Israel."

BGU aids Ethiopian olim

TORONTO —

A Canadian-funded program at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is among the most recent to help integrate Ethiopian olim.

The 18-month Kidma (progress) course, which began in January, has been custom tailored for 25 immigrants who arrived last year with Operation Solomon. To compensate for their limited formal education and very different cultural background, BGU has waived scholastic aptitude tests that are biased in favor of Western society.

Participants were selected for their "high motivation, thirst for knowledge and desire to advance professionally," according to a news release from Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

For the first few months of the program, students are matched with "veteran" Ethiopian students who become their personal tutors.

In addition to six months' intensive study of Hebrew to bring them to "pre-academic" levels, the students learn about family budgeting, income tax regulations, civil rights and disease prevention.

Other outreach efforts at the university include special consideration for Ethiopian students of social work, who are given more time to complete their degrees and who receive extra support in the form of tutoring and counselling.

BGU is located in Beersheva, which has the largest concentration of Ethiopian immigrants in Israel, at 750 families.

Joey and Toby Tanenbaum were recently honored by BGU for funding the Kidma course. — F.K.

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Also, **House Party** on Saturday, April 11. To reserve for either of these events call Sonia, **771-8448**. 9362

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, North/East Valley Branch Singles Connection is holding its **Annual Passover Seder**. Friday, April 17th, 1992. 8:15pm. 7015 Leslie Street, Thornhill. Cost $32.00 per adult, $22.00 per child. Payment must be made by Wednesday, April 15th. Call Nurit 889-0813 to reserve. 9226

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Fackenheim explains origins of world outlook

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Philosophy, history, personal experience and religion were merged into a fascinating narrative last week as noted scholar Emil Fackenheim described how surviving the Nazis and contemplating the potential destruction of Israel in 1967 helped form his world outlook.

Confronting the implications of the Holocaust prompted him to devise the 614th mitzvah — for Jews to continue as a people and not give Hitler a posthumous victory, he said.

Holocaust survivors, who were brutalized and came close to death, have had more children than their Canadian counterparts and more stable marriages. It's the 614th mitzvah in action, he said.

Turning to Israel, Fackenheim said those who made the political decision to found the state in 1948 did so adopting the idea of "ain breira," there is no alternative in the wake of the Holocaust.

The State of Israel rests on three pillars, he continued. It must protect itself; Jews everywhere must have the right of return; and Jerusalem must remain in Jewish hands.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who embraced Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, "wants [Jerusalem] because we have it," Fackenheim said. But "we've come back to Jerusalem to stay."

Speaking before a rapt audience of about 400 at the Holy Blossom Temple, Fackenheim described how his study of Judaism began in 1935 Berlin — a time of a "monumental, unprecedented assault on the Jewish people."

When his cousin asked why he was studying in Berlin while "sitting on a powderkeg," Fackenheim recalled his response: "We must study on a powederkeg while smoking a cigar."

Fackenheim, now a resident of Jerusalem, said he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, where the attitudes of the ordinary Jews changed his mind profoundly. "I learned to appreciate their wisdom," he said. Unlike the intellectuals there who "spoke foolishness" and asked why their God had done this to them, the average Jew saw the Nazis as "SOBs" and said they must try to outlive them.

Fackenheim said that after coming to Canada in 1941 as an internee and later when he was released, he enjoyed a "quiet period" of study as a philosophy professor at the University of Toronto. The quiet was shattered in 1967 by the Six Day War.

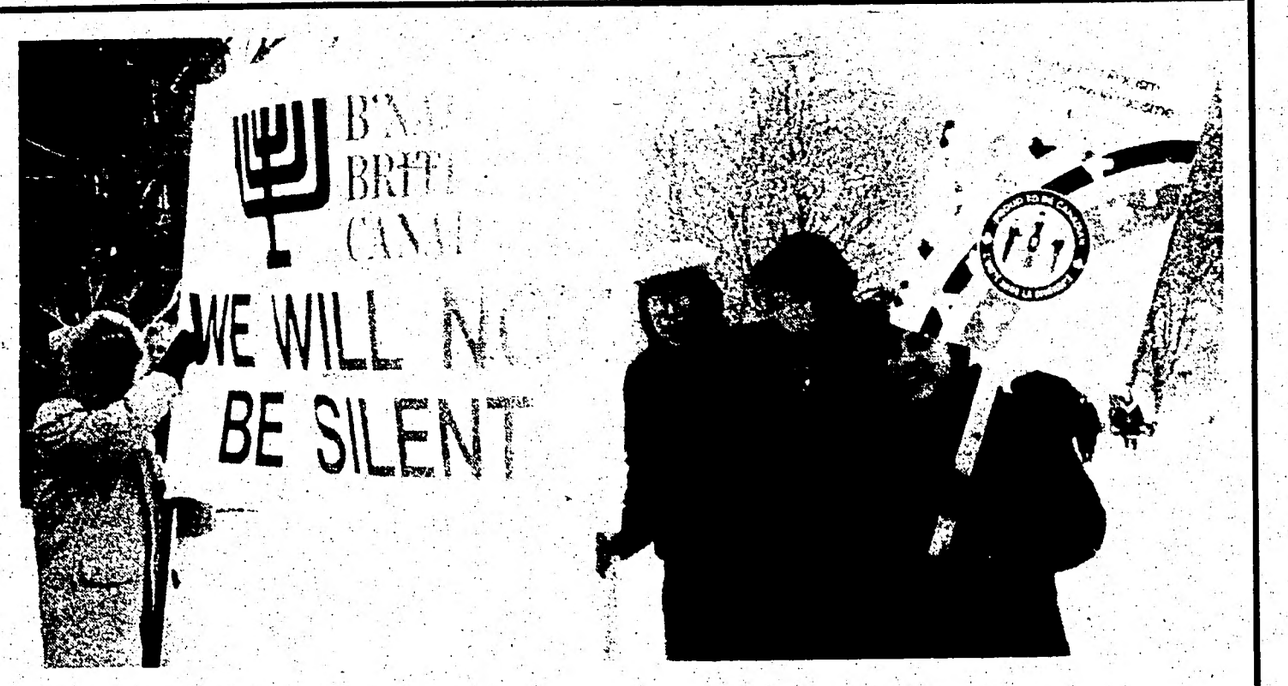
His book on the German thinker Hegel was disrupted by the Six Day War. Jordan joined the coalition against it, Israel was encircled and the United Nations quickly vacated the area.

"It was the time of the darkness of the soul for all of us," he said.

Fackenheim said that confronting the possibility of a second Holocaust forced Jews to face the first, although he feared that examining the Holocaust could potentially destroy Jewish faith.

Drawing lessons from the Holocaust, Fackenheim said the "only thing to do with absolute evil is to resist it."

Fackenheim's address was part of a two-day symposium to mark the scholar's 75th birthday. He was introduced by Rose Wolfe, chancellor of the University of Toronto and a national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress.



RALLY AGAINST RACISM

Over 80 people braved the sudden cold snap for a rally against racism last week at Queen's Park. Representing B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, which was part of Citizens Against Racism, a coalition of several groups, was (from left) David Grader, Morley Wolfe, Marvin Kurz and Cynthia Lazar. The rally was held to commemorate United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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Organizations and People

Ontario remains committed to ending racism: Ziemba

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Despite the recession, Ontario will forge ahead with policies aimed at wiping out racism and bigotry, Elaine Ziemba, the province's minister of citizenship, told a day-long conference on race relations last week.

More measures against racism are needed now because the sour economy has created a backlash against minorities, Ziemba said.

"When there's a downturn in the economy, you tend to look for scapegoats. But we have to stir up the pot. We have to admit there's a problem," Ziemba told members of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Assembly of Race Relations Committees at the Lipa Green Building.

The assembly is an ad hoc collection of members of various municipal race relations committees in and around Metro. It is composed of mayors, council members and race relations professionals.

Some 50 members, including former Toronto mayor Art Eggleton, gathered under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, for a strategy forum on the role played by municipal race relations committees.

Ziemba told participants that "we can't wait to end racism, recession or no recession. We have to admit we have problems and that there is no one solution to them."

She said much work remains to be done against a rise in hate literature and telephone messages, race-inspired crime and ethnic slurs in the public domain.

She pointed out that last April the NDP unveiled a new anti-racism strategy for the province and created the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat (OARS), which replaced the government's Race Relations Directorate.

Queen's Park committed over $7 million to the initiative, double what had been previously earmarked for race relations.

A new assistant deputy minister responsible for OARS is scheduled to begin this month, Ziemba said.

Laws enforcing employment equity are due to be enacted in the Legislature's spring sitting, she added.

As well, a 33-person task force is looking at ways to reduce the backlog of cases before the Ontario Human Rights Commission, she said. It began last December with a one-year mandate.

This past January, a three-person task force was struck to examine ways to improve enforcement of the Human Rights Code. The task force will tour Ontario for public hearings and report back to Ziemba in June.

Ontario's citizenship minister, Elaine Ziemba was joined at last week's day-long strategy session on race relations, held at CJC, by (from left) former Toronto mayor Art Eggleton, Durham Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner and Bernie Farber, chairman of North York's race relations committee.

Camp Kadimah to hold summer reunion

HALIFAX —

Alumni of Camp Kadimah, a Jewish summer camp in Nova Scotia, may want to start planning their summer 1993 vacation to coincide with the 50th reunion of the camp a year from this summer.

Reunion committee chairmen Gloria and Steven Pink are planning a reunion weekend from July 30 to August 1, 1993 to include a social, a Shabbat kiddush, a visit to the camp on Visitors' Day, a cocktail party and a banquet.

Camp memorabilia is also sought for display during the weekend (secured, of course).

For further information, contact the Camp Kadimah Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 3203, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3H5.

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PURIM CARNIVAL

Or Haemet Sephardic School held its annual Purim Carnival on March 11. Enjoying the fun at the booths are (from left) David Azulay, Lisa Azulay, Sharon Dotan, Naomi Vaturi and Avi Vaturi.

Holy Blossom fire damages classrooms

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

A third-alarm fire broke out in two classrooms of Holy Blossom Temple, late last week, leaving in its wake an estimated $500,000 worth of damage.

Nobody was in the building when the fire started at 12:59 a.m. Friday. Nine City of York fire vehicles were dispatched, and the fire was brought under control in 40 minutes. One firefighter suffered minor burns.

Two second-floor classrooms, used for kindergarten by Leo Baeck Day School, were gutted. The rest of the school suffered water and smoke damage.

Arson was suspected in the blaze, the cause of which is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's office.

Because of the investigation, and because of Shabbat, clean-up in the less damaged classrooms was not begun until Sunday.

As *The CJN* went to press late Monday, it was expected that classes would resume on Wednesday of this week at Holy Blossom, according to Rabbi Steven Garten, director of Leo Baeck Day School. Long-term arrangements were not yet finalized.

Child support plan launched in Ontario

TORONTO —

Ontario has taken a significant step forward in the fight against the poverty of women and children, says Attorney General Howard Hampton.

The new Family Support Plan , which took effect on March 1 of this year, changes fundamentally the way family support payments are collected.

The plan allows for the automatic deduction of support payments from income, the same way income tax and other pay roll deductions are made.

"The Government of Ontario ... sees it as a big step forward in changing attitudes towards a major social problem — the neglect of women and children through the failure to pay family support," says Hampton.

"While the new system will not on its own solve the massive problem of unpaid support, it is an important first stage in reforming the way family support payments are made," he says.

The family support plan will apply to new support orders made after March 1, 1992, where a regular source of income can be identified.

In those cases, a support deduction order will be made by the court and forwarded to the FSP office. FSP staff will notify the payor's employer, who must then begin to deduct the support payments from the employee's net wages.

The employer will send these monies directly to the plan, which immediately forwards them to the recipient.

"Since it is not based on default, automatic wage deduction removes the social stigma of garnishment, and reinforces that this method is both the normal and optimum way for support payors to honor their court-ordered obligations, Hampton explains.

If a recipient and a payor agree they do not want to use the new system, the payor will be required to pay a security deposit of not less than four months of payment.

If a support payment is missed, the FSP will use the deposit to make regular payments, and will send a notice to the payor's employer, where one can be identified, to start automatic deductions.

Cases already registered with FSP will be monitored and enforced in the same way. As existing cases are reviewed, those in arrears may be brought under the new system.

For this to happen, there must be an identifiable source of income, and other enforcement actions must have been unsuccessful.

"Everyone benefits when support payments are made regularly," Hampton says.

The cost to Ontario since 1987 for women and children who have turned to social assistance when they haven't received their support payments has risen to approximately $200 million, says a ministry communique.

The communique goes on to note that seventy-five percent of cases filed with the program are in default to some extent. This affects over 80,000 children.

With the new system, says Hampton, "mothers and children know they'll get their support payments on time."

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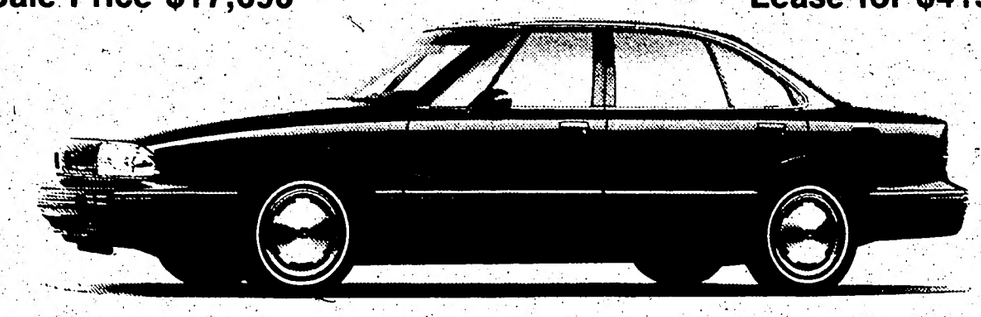

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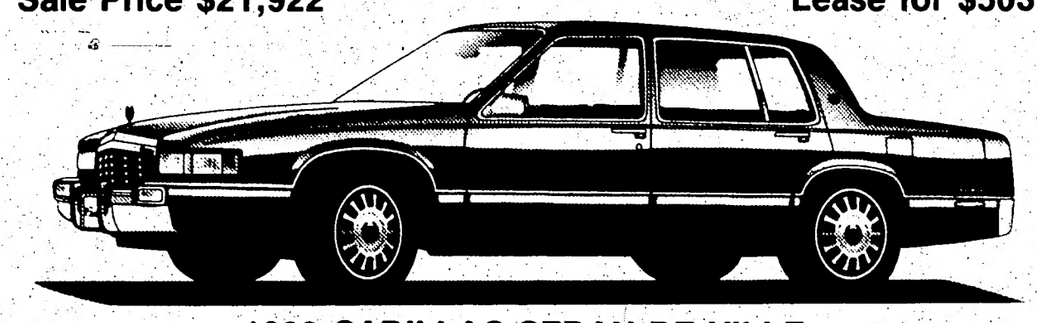

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Organizations and People

Hamilton survivor helps plan local Yom Hashoah program

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Fifty years ago, Ann Schoenberg of Hamilton was a 9-year-old school girl in Paris.

She was Anna Brandejs then and her photograph, the only one she has of that dark period, will be on the cover of the program for Hamilton's community-wide Holocaust Memorial Observance on April 29, 8 p.m. at Adas Israel Synagogue.

Schoenberg remembers well when that picture was taken.

It was in 1942, her last school photograph. Her father had already been taken away but he succeeded in smuggling a letter to his family, advising them to sell whatever they could and to go into hiding.

For a year, Ann, her mother and sister, who was two years older, lived in a basement in Paris. Then the two girls were taken in by the Rothschild orphanage. Their mother remained behind, working in a factory making fur coats for the German army.

Alan Rose

Anna (Brandejs) Schoenberg

Eventually, the Gestapo raided the orphanage, the girls escaped, making their way to Brittany.

"We kept moving all the time," recalls Schoenberg.

Hiding wherever they could, the sisters finally reached a convent, where they were taken in.

The sisters and their mother survived, the father did not. The memories are still painful and over the phone, Schoenberg's voice trails away.

As a longtime member of the Hamilton Holocaust remembrance committee, Schoenberg helps plan the annual memorial programs.

The theme for this year's Yom Hashoah observance is 50 Years Ago: from the Depth of Darkness.

Among those fighting to liberate Europe from the Germans, and his fellow Jews from the depths of darkness, was Alan Rose, executive vice-president, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Rose will be the guest speaker on April 29. A frequent speaker on the topic, he will discuss the importance of remembering the Holocaust, especially in light of today's worldwide resurgence of anti-Semitism.

A native of Scotland, Rose served with the British forces in the Middle East, Italy and northwest Europe as a commissioned tank commander.

He was also one of the camp liberators, entering Bergen-Belsen "the minute it was opened."

In 1981, in Washington, Rose was awarded the United States Presidential Citation of Honor as a concentration camp liberator, and in 1987, the government of Czechoslovakia presented him with the Terezin Anti-Fascist Fighters Decoration.

Rose also served in Israel during the War of Independence as a volunteer.

Her is a member of the World Praesidium for Soviet Jewry; a member of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.; the board of directors of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation; and the Canadian multicultural advisory committee.

In 1986, Rose was named a member of the Order of Canada and in 1991, he was awarded the Baron de Hirsch Distinguished Service Award for Professional Excellence.

As has been the practice in recent years, children of Hamilton's three Jewish schools will participate in the program.

Others taking part will include the young cellist, Ayela Seidelman, Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue, Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue, Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom, Rabbi William Eisenstein, principal of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, and Cantor David Bercovici.

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TORONTO —
Following last year's overwhelming success, a full day of exciting activities has been scheduled for this year's community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration marking Israel's 44th birthday.

The 1992 Israel Independence Day festivities, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation together with B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and synagogues and organizations across the city, are scheduled for Thursday, May 7.

The celebration is open to the entire community; last year's event was sponsored by close to 70 groups and drew thousands.

A colorful flag-raising ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., will kick off Yom Ha'atzmaut. This will be followed by an afternoon of unique activities for the entire family including a children's art exhibit, competitions, "Israexpo" — an exhibition of Israel's diversity, folk dancing, good fair, school choir dance groups, and musicians.

The well-known Israeli group, the Parvarim, will headline an exciting evening of song and festivities to be held at the Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. The evening program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include musical performances by Yitzhak Argaman and Mickey Levine, and Israeli dancing.

This year's celebration will be a unique opportunity for our community to demonstrate support and solidarity with the people of Israel," said Sidney Greenberg, acting chairman of Yom Ha'atzmaut '92. Toronto's community can look forward to a dynamic and fun-filled event."

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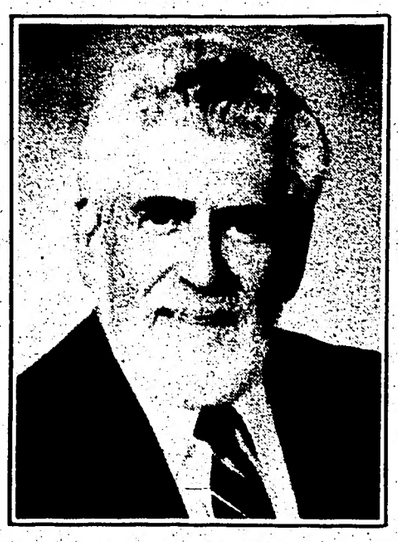

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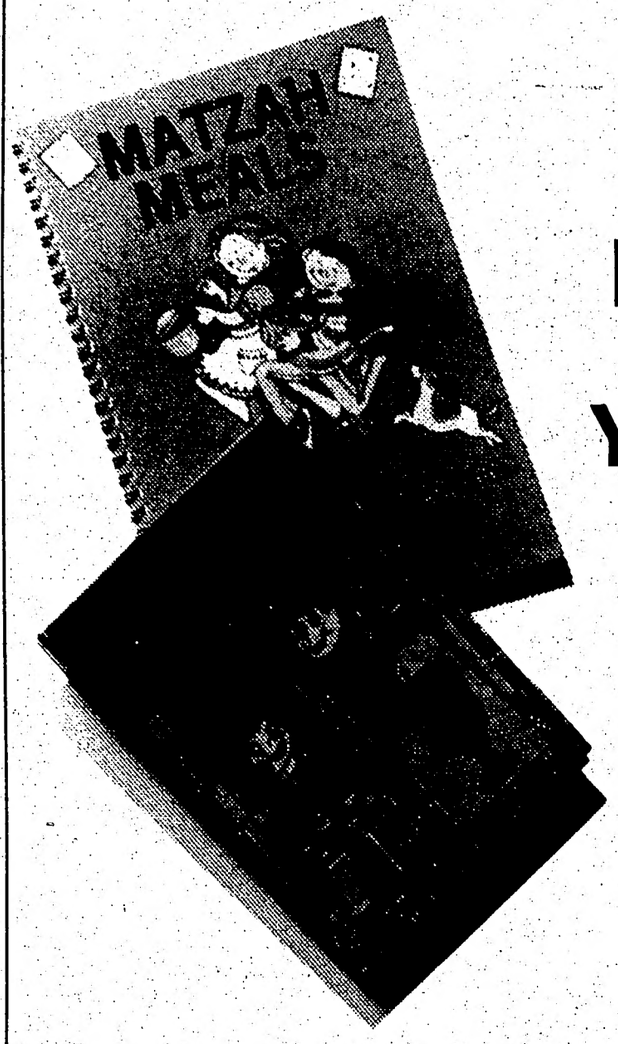

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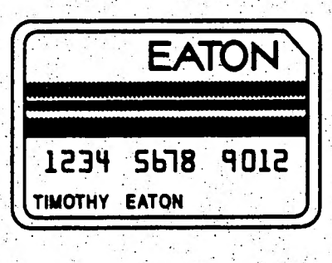

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Organizations and People

Narkiss takes Kesher youth back to Jerusalem's liberation

By
JOY ESKIN MOSKOVIC

OTTAWA —

The man who led the Israeli troops into East Jerusalem and liberated it 25 years ago, spoke recently of those incredible few days that reunited the city.

General (res.) Uzi Narkiss spoke to an audience of 160 young adults from across the country who gathered at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel to attend the second annual Kesher convention.

Narkiss, now chairman of the Zionist delegation in North America, recalled for his audience — many of whom were likely too young to remember — the tense situation in 1967 leading up to the Six Day War. Reuniting Jerusalem was merely an abstract dream, not thought to be an immediately obtainable goal. Israelis who feared they were doomed against the strength of the combined Arab armies were only thinking about survival, he explained.

Ironically, it was the Jordanians who opened fire in Jerusalem: "Now 25 years later, people have an attitude that we had a plan, and that we opened fire on Jerusalem and took the city. This is false.

"It was a miracle that the Jordanians started the battle for Jerusalem," he said, because otherwise reunification might never have occurred.

The success of the Jerusalem battle, he revealed, was aided by an air strike the night before. Narkiss learned then that 150 Jordanian tanks were moving toward Jerusalem. When he asked the Israeli commander for an air strike on the tanks, the commander said that the pilots were too tired.

But Narkiss persisted, "We have only one Jerusalem," he told his commander. "They pinned down those tanks and that's why only half of them showed up the next day."

After winning the battles of the next days, Narkiss and his unit marched into the Old City, looking inside those ancient walls for the first time in 19 years. They went to the Kotel, sang *Hatikvah* and prayed.

"Now there are many, many problems in Jerusalem, as if the fight happened only yesterday. We hope that the military battle for Jerusalem will be the last," he said , noting that 32 battles have been raged over the city. "The political war, however, is not over."

Kesher, a three-year-old organization headquartered in New York aims to get young adults aged 18-39 to strengthen their connection to Israel. The Ottawa convention was co-sponsored by many Canadian Zionist, youth and student organizations, with Kesher as the umbrella organizer.

Ottawa's Rabbi Reuven Bulka, who spoke before Narkiss, called upon the conference's attendees to make the cause of Syrian Jewry as much a media issue today as Soviet Jewry has been over these past decades.

"Syrian Jews are the most oppressed Jewish community in the world today ... We have an obligation to make sure that those Jews get out as soon as possible," Rabbi Bulka said.

Many conventioneers sported rope bracelets which were sold during the convention by the Montreal Hillel persecuted Jewry committee as a demonstration of unity with Syrian Jews.

Right-wing swing in world politics seen as dangerous for Jewish people

OTTAWA —

The recent right-wing trend in world politics — particularly in the U.S. presidential race — should concern and frighten all Jews, the executive director of United Israel Appeal of Canada said recently.

Speaking on the last day of Kesher's Canadian National Convention at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel, Itz Kalmanovitz warned of the growing intolerance of ethnic groups in urban and rural areas and the increasing numbers of Holocaust deniers.

Turning to the U.S. presidential election, the South African-born Kalmanovitz, who made aliyah in 1983, commented that "Pat Buchanan is David Duke, but without the sheets."

While neither will likely be president, both have changed the nature of political discourse, he said. Buchanan has portrayed Israel as the only obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

The United States needs the peace process, he said, as any small success would gather glory for President George Bush, who needs some successes abroad as his domestic policies falter and his post-Gulf War glory has eroded.

The plight of Syria's 4,500 Jews has become critical. Hafez Assad's reign of terror receives less world attention than Saddam Hussein's does, he said. "Assad is another Saddam Hussein with another name."

After the huge rescue operations and mass emigrations from Ethiopia and Russia, Israel has become a haven for much of world Jewry seeking refuge. While this in itself is a miracle, he said, Israel must become more than a haven for the oppressed, but rather the choice for Jews — even those who live in stability and affluence. "Israel should be turned from a haven into a magnet."

J.E.M.

Dignity important when dying: rabbi

By
RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

We can't choose to die, but we must accept the inevitability of death, says Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, a professor of philosophy with the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

In a recent lecture at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Rabbi Wechsler argued against euthanasia — the act of causing death painlessly, so as to end suffering endured by the terminally ill. "Our bodies and our souls are on loan from God," he said, "and we have no right to destroy what is not ours. It's our duty to care for a gift that's on loan."

Rabbi Wechsler, whose lecture was one of six included in Beth Tikvah's week-long series, Biomedical Ethics and Judaism, rejected the argument that euthanasia allows terminally ill patients to die with dignity. "Dignity is not a matter of control over our bodily functions," he said. "Dignity is to accept what we can't change. To be ready to die is to have dignity."

Rabbi Wechsler said he is alarmed by society's growing acceptance of euthanasia and argued that if institutionalized, it could become a desirable alternative to extended medical treatment. "Health care is expensive," he said, "and euthanasia is cost-effective." In that case Rabbi Wechsler said, patients might request euthanasia feeling "it is their duty to die."

Though it is wrong to cause death, it is desireable to let death occur, argued Rabbi Wechsler. He said it's wrong to prolong the life of a patient near death. "We must heal when we can, but when that's impossible, we must simply care for the dying," he said. "We need to accept the reality of mortality."

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MPs get briefed on Syrian Jews

Student Voice

By
ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD

Students rally on Parliament Hill.

OTTAWA —

Every year the Jewish Students' Network-Canada brings students from across the country to Ottawa to lobby the government on an issue of concern. This year the issue was Syrian Jewry and participants came from such communities as Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Waterloo, Kingston, Montreal and Halifax.

After arriving at Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre on March 11, the students were briefed on the issue of Syrian Jewry and instructed on the appropriate way to meet with members of Parliament. Lobby Day kits plus information packages, which were given by the lobbyists to respective MPs were distributed by co-ordinators Ruth Millman and Bonnie Maged.

During the briefing session, Lena Isayev of York University and Phil Reiss of the University of Manitoba, co-chairs of Network's Oppressed Jewry Task Force, told the students to emphasize that this is a human rights issue. In addition, the participants were advised to place particular emphasis on the plight of the Syrian brothers, Eli and Selim Swed, who have been detained in prison since 1987 and who recently received a sentence of an additional 6½ years.

The students met with close to 50 MPs in groups of three or four. "The groups are very effective the way they stand. They give a national perspective," said Joey Felsen, national chairman of Network. Most of the MPs were receptive to the issue and almost all agreed to sign a petition as part of an international campaign of the World Union of Jewish Students, based in Jerusalem.

Some of the requests brought to the MPs by the lobbyists included encouraging their involvement in the Parliamentary Committee for Syrian Jewry, headed by Bill Attewell, recommending they send letters to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and to the Syrian Consulate and suggesting they make a statement in the House of Commons. Jim Peterson, a Liberal MP of Willowdale, not only spoke in the House of Commons about Lobby Day, but also spoke during the students' rally on Parliament Hill in the morning.

In a follow-up session to Lobby Day, the students were given a chance to report on their meetings and to brainstorm on ways of taking their Syrian Jewry activities a few steps further. For most, the experience they gained from taking part in Lobby Day was valuable. "The outcome of Lobby Day was possible," said Sherri Waldman, chairman of Network's Western region. "Most of the MPs were receptive and I feel we made a difference."

The MPs, largely, were not aware of the extent of the restrictions placed upon the Jews of Syria. The students agreed that this was an important opportunity to break the silence on the issue.

Skills, Thrills featured at Federation lecture

TORONTO —

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will present Professor Gerald B. Bubis on April 8, at 8 p.m. His lecture is the final event of the Board Development Seminars, sponsored by the Federation's Department for Human Resources Development (HRD).

The seminar series is geared for members of the board of directors of the Federation and its affiliate agencies. It is a Federation initiative to enhance the effectiveness of the boards of all its agencies.

The series is divided into two separate categories: "Skills" and Thrills." The "Skills" aspect offers workshops and hands-on approaches to improving leadership, while "Thrills" is more abstract and deals with visionary thinking.

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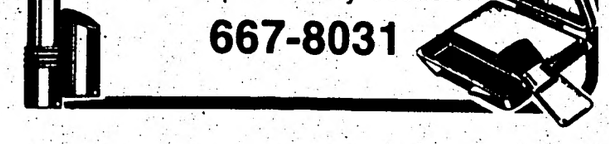

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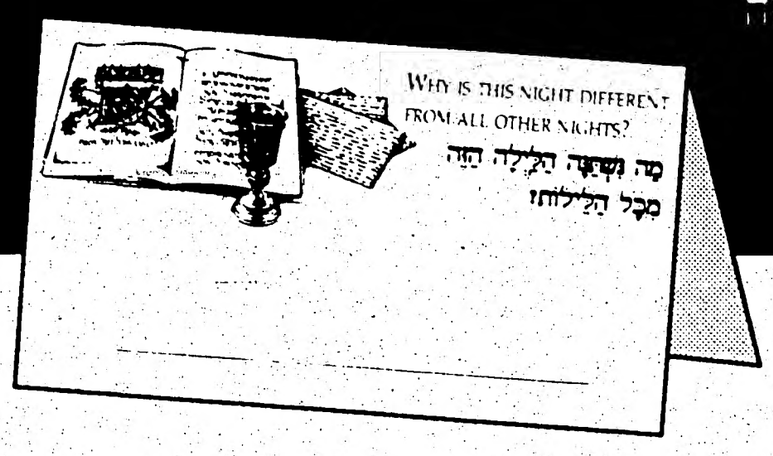

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Reena Foundation founder Rabbi Joseph Kelman (second from left) and long-time executive director Sandy Keshen (third from left) last week help cut the ribbon to Reena's new offices at 75 Dufflaw Rd. in Toronto. [Ron Csillag photo]

Students set record

By
WENDOLYN KAUFMAN

LONDON, Ont. —
A new record was set at the University of Western Ontario as Operation Exodus' second annual Power Greek Party was held with 17 fraternities and five sororities showing support.

The 1,000 students who attended the event helped raise over $5,000.

Laurie Gutmann and Mike Winton, chairmen of the Exodus Campaign on Campus, expressed concern with the economic times affecting students this past year. However, they never lost confidence in their campaign's success.

"Even though money is tight, students still don't mind pitching in a few dollars at the occasional social gathering to support a cause in which they believe," Guttman said.

Western's three Jewish fraternities have long been strong supporters of the Operation Exodus Campaign on Campus. Last year, for the first time, four non-Jewish fraternities decided to take part. This year nine more fraternities and five sororities joined the fold.

The Operation Exodus on Campus campaign is assisted by Gerald Enchin, executive director of the London Jewish Federation. Proceeds are directly forwarded through the London Jewish Community Centre to the United Israel Appeal headquarters in Toronto, who then forwards the funds to Israel.

Western's Operation Exodus campaign depends on publicity, telephone notification of events, poster and flyer printing, T-shirt sales, ticket sales, bookings and other associated tasks which are managed by a committee of 25 students.

In addition to the regularly scheduled parties, T-shirt sales gave an added boost to the campaign. The shirts, which were distributed by UIA, display a white dove with an olive branch in its mouth and read, Lay down your arms — give peace a chance. The Roots company supplied the shirts at cost enabling all proceeds to go directly to Operation Exodus.

Gerofskys a close-knit clan

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
There's a story concerning one of the Gerofsky clan's earliest arrivals in Canada who, on his way to board a train, saw a basket of delicious ripe apples for sale.

Thinking they'd be good to eat on the journey, he bought them. But when he bit into the first one, it was bad. So was the second, and the third . . . and every apple in the basket. Disgusted, he threw them away.

That, chuckles Jay State, was his relative's introduction to tomatoes!

It is stories such as this that State hopes to collect for a book he's compiling about the family.

State, a Hamilton lawyer, has been president of the Gerofsky Cousins Club for about half a dozen years.

But it's his mother, Millie, who's the family historian and the story she tells is about the first Gerofsky to come to Canada and whose name wasn't even Gerofsky but Maharshak.

It seems that when he arrived in 1904 and was asked by the immigration official to spell his name, the agent who had come to meet him suggested he use his name, Gurofsky, because it was simpler. The official entered it as Gerofsky and so it has remained.

It's a pity, feel some, because they're descendants of the famous Rabbi Judah Loew Ben Bezalel, known as the Maharal, who was chief rabbi of Moldavia in the 16th century and lived in Prague. His name, from which Maharshak is derived, is surrounded with a host of legends, including that of the Golem, and his pink marble tombstone is to this day regarded as the centre point of the Prague Jewish cemetery.

By 1902, relates Millie, the Gerofskys were settled in Stratford. Always close-knit, it was the memory of Millie's grandmother, Rachel Leah Gerofsky, mother of nine and "a sweet and loving woman" who "was adored by all her sons-in-law," that kept them together.

Following her death when Millie was 5, Millie's mother, Yehudit, "became the focal point" but when she died, the growing family began to drift apart.

Something had to be done and in 1953, the Gerofsky Cousins Club was born.

According to Millie's cousin, Wilf Gerofsky, it's "the regular organizational set-up" that's largely responsible for the club's "longevity."

They pay dues to cover postage and to subsidize dinners and picnics, sing the Gerofsky family anthem (written by Wilf to the tune of *Tradition*) and wear the family pin.

They're also mighty proud of their family crest, designed by Wilf's brother Richard, a former industrial designer with Chrysler, which features two crossed loaves of rye bread below a bowl of boiled potatoes and sour cream an underneath, a herring "with a smile on his face" and the motto Non Customerum Exit (don't let the customer get away!).

They meet twice a year, in June at a picnic for all, young and old, and in October for a dinner for adults and children over 12.

As many as 50 to 60 come from Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kitchener and other nearby centres, and for the bigger events, also from Montreal, Chicago and Detroit.

They're proud of cousin Shirley Langer, who's the mayor of Belleville, and her daughter, Julie, the chairman of Friends of the Earth. And there's also Howard Brown, who ran for municipal office in Toronto.

The clan includes famous Israeli concert pianist, David Bar Ilan, and the late writer and translator, David Magarshak, and numerous relatives in the United States, England and Israel.

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Through the Alexandre Raab Fund for Scientific Research Equipment, Canadians now have an opportunity to join with Mr.Raab in supporting advanced research in areas ranging from microbiology, quantum chemistry, solar energy and cybernetics; to improved irrigation methods, the creation of new strains of fruit and vegetables, and the development of treatments for plant and animal illnesses. Thanks to the efforts of Alexandre Raab and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University scientific activity which has directly contributed to to the development of Israel and world knowledge will continue with unrelenting effort.

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Alexandre Raab

Sixty-eight-year-old Alexandre Raab was born in Czechoslovakia and fought as a partisan during World War II. He spent several years in France after the war, where he met his wife, Jeanne. The couple immigrated to Canada in 1953. He worked as a farm hand in Ontario before establishing his own White Rose Nurseries — today, a thriving business with 18 outlets in Ontario and eight in Florida.

In 1990, when Israel was anticipating an influx of one million immigrants from the Soviet Union, Raab pledged one dollar for every immigrant that arrived. He subsequently donated $2 million to the UIA and has pledged another $3 million to finance an "independence fund" earmarked for the creation of jobs for Russian immigrants in Israel. He has long been urging other Jewish families to match his $5 million contribution in order to enable Israel to manage without the $10 billion loan guarantees requested from the United States. Raab is also a major supporter of three Israeli institutions: the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Aishet HaTorah Yeshiva, and Beit HaLochem, an organization devoted to the rehabilitation of disabled war veterans.

A Toronto resident, Raab visits Israel frequently and was interviewed in Jerusalem recently by CJN correspondent Leora Frucht.

CJN: Shortly after the start of the Palestinian uprising, you published an open letter to the President of Israel. Why?

Raab: I was provoked. I didn't think is was my place to speak up. But Israel was put before a court and nobody — including the Jewish community — spoke up on Israel's behalf.

CJN: What was your message?

Raab: That we have every right to be indignant when the rest of the world gives us a lesson in morality. For 2,000 years, we have given our loyalty and talents to civilization after civilization and in every single instance, after centuries of contributions, we have been rejected, mistreated, dispossessed and persecuted. For politicians from the United States, Canada and Quebec to then condemn us requires chutzpah.

CJN: Critics of Israeli policy, including some Israelis, use that very same argument to ask how the Jewish people, after all they have suffered, can now cause suffering to another people?

Raab: Our ancestors came to this land in the 1800s not with guns, but with prayerbooks, ploughs, and some, with the Marxist manifesto. All we asked is to be accepted and to share the land. But the Arab world tried to destroy us. They were not willing to share. What saved Israel was the will to defend itself. Does morality mean that we shall be the sacrificial lamb for eternity?

The Arabs can live here (in Israel) and have the right to pray, to work, and to be protected. The one thing they can't do is kill Jews, sabotage the Jewish state and refuse to accept its authority. If they do that then they are no longer citizens.

CJN: You mention citizenship. Most are not citizens. If you annex Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and grant citizenship to the 1.5 million Palestinians living there, then nearly 40 percent of Israel's population would be Arab. What about the demographic problem? How long would Israel remain a Jewish state?

Raab: You know in every enterprise there are accountants and creators. The accountants I call the bean-counters because that's what they do: they count beans. They always say you can't do this, you can't do that. But there are other people who have vision. The spirit of man cannot be reduced to simple statistics.

The Jewish spirit built Israel because the people desired to have their own country. There will be a time in the next 20 years when Jews will come to this land, not because they are persecuted, but because this will be the most favorable land for them to live in both spiritually and materially.

CJN: Do you think Jews today can live a full Jewish life outside of Israel?

Raab: No. At least not in the future. Within 25 years, you'll see Israel will have over fifty percent of all the Jews in the world. The others will assimilate.

CJN: What about anti-Semitism in Canada today?

Raab: Jews have made tremendous progress in Canada in the last 40 years. But one should not forget: we made more progress in other civilizations. When a civilization advances and flourishes, Jews have all kinds of rights and are much appreciated members of society. But when the society is in decline, this always brings about authoritarian tyrants.

CJN: What obligation do you believe Jews have to Israel?

Raab: They have no obligation. It's the obligation of self-interest and common sense. I don't support Israel as a tzaddik.

I believe that to leave my grandchildren the legacy of the State of Israel is a much greater gift than any material fortune I could leave them. That is why I support Israel and why any Jew who has five cents worth of brains should do exactly the same. It's not heart; it's brain.

CJN: What about investment in Israel: is that something one does with one's heart or one's brain?

Raab: I think you have to take the position that Israel is an extra child. I have four of my own children, and Israel is the fifth. You do for that child — Israel — exactly what you do for the others. You share wealth with him, you help him to become educated and to make a "parnassa" (living).

CJN: As a father you would want your children, including Israel, to eventually be independent enough to help themselves —

Raab: They will be — inevitably they will be independent.

CJN: How?

Raab: Every time I come to Israel I am amazed and uplifted by the spirit of Israel and the progress that has been achieved. The first thing I notice are the cranes, the bulldozers, all the houses being built — that's how it used to be in Toronto, but not so today. The fields in Israel are flourishing, the stores are full of fruit that is second to none . . . Sure, they have a few problems.

But you tell me one nation that would have been able to do what Israel did in the last year: to accept the 40,000 Jews from Ethiopia, to accept the 400,000 to 500,000 Jews from Russia and provide them with shelter, food, medical care, old age pensions.

CJN: What's your view of the loan guarantees — and the U.S. demand that Israel freeze settlements.

Raab: It's a shame that Israel needed to turn to the U.S. There should have been 2,000 Jewish families ready to step forward to put up $5 million each. Then there would have been $10 billion and Israel would not have to be shnorring. I'm talking about families for whom it would have been no sacrifice to give $5 million each. But the Jewish leadership in Canada, America and elsewhere lack the courage to confront their own members.

Yes, there is a tremendous anger in the American public against the loans for Israel. The Jewish lobby can push it down the throat of Congress but there is great resentment. And rightly so.

CJN: Why?

Raab: Because the Jews are perceived as richer than they are. And the truth is that there are many rich Jewish families who could have dipped into their pocket: that would have been the wise thing to do. But then we didn't behave very wisely for the last 100 years. The tragedy which befell us in Europe did not have to happen had we been wise. But we lived in self-delusion. That is the sad story of Jewish history.

CJN: The number of Jews arriving in Israel from the former Soviet Union is today far less than the number that were coming last year at the height of the Gulf War. Do you believe those Jews who have remained in the Commonwealth of Independent States are living in self-delusion?

Raab: You cannot expect ordinary people to be heroic; heroes are heroes because they are so rare. To leave your home in Russia today and come to a foreign land where you don't speak the language is a heroic decision. There are potentially two or three million Russian Jews who have the thirst to return to their land and be free again. By putting this $10 billion into Israel, the Jewish community could have made them all come. And through their talent and labor, these immigrants would have paid back the world Jewish community; they would have solidified and funded Israel for centuries.

So when I think that the only reason we missed the boat is because of dollars, money, that's a very painful experience. And I think we have already missed the boat.

There may be changes occurring in Russia. If people run for their lives, they will run to Israel. But wouldn't it have been beautiful if we could already have told them: "come my brothers and sisters, you'll be taken care of. We'll make sure you have jobs and houses. This is your land."

And what have we done instead? We have been counting the petty cash from our pockets and making promises in January to pay out in December because tax-wise that's the cheapest way to do it.

CJN: You say you feel we have already missed the boat. If that's the case, then would you still say that Israel should not take the loan guarantees from the U.S. under any circumstances?

Raab: That's the way I feel. Israel should suspend asking for it. It should go to the Jewish community and ask for it. A lot of people would disagree with me and say that the Jewish community just doesn't have it. I deeply believe, I have to believe, that there are enough Jews with intellect who are willing to come forward and make this — not sacrifice, but rather act of self-preservation. I may be mistaken, but I have to believe in it. Otherwise, I couldn't live.

CJN: What about the peace process? Do you believe it can lead anywhere positive for Israel?

Raab: The peace process will be achieved if the western world stays unified and confronts the moslem world and says that Israel is here to stay. As a Judeo-Christian-spirited society that has accepted and adopted the morality of Judaism, the western world cannot tolerate the spirit of the Hezbollah any more than it could tolerate Nazi or Communist expansionism.

Israel bears the burden of this battle against Moslem extremism as expressed by the Hezbollah. The west can impose the peace, but only when it is wise enough to recognize that you cannot compromise with the Hezbollah.

CJN: Do you have faith in Canada's ability to play a constructive role in the multilateral talks, specifically as chair of the refugee group?

Raab: We will have to be exteremely vocal and outspoken and educate our fellow Canadians of the importance of Israel. But we cannot do it if we are shy about it, if we cannot express a pro-Israeli opinion out of fear of being accused of dual loyalty. It is very important at the start to state that the support of Israel is synonymous with the interest of Canada and western civilization.

This is true for Jews in every western country. There are Arabists in every foreign office, in every state department. We have to confront them and say: "You don't represent the interests of the United States or Canada. I do."

Organizations and People

Madrichah gets TAU postion

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

After four years as a madrichah (counsellor) working closely with foreign students at Tel Aviv University (TAU), 29-year-old Yael Wagner has brought a unique perspective to her new position as director of the office of academic affairs in Canada's overseas student program, based in the Toronto office of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

The first Israeli to occupy that position, she is tuned in to numerous subtle cultural differences of which she became aware during her stint as a madrichah. Putting that knowledge to use helps ease communication with Canadians.

If a North American student were to ask her about a planned excursion, for example, asking, "What are the plans for such-and-such a day?" four years ago Wagner might have launched into a detailed explanation of plans. Now she realizes the question might mean, "Can my friend come and visit me that day?"

North American undergraduates at Tel Aviv University have a variety of mandatory and optional extracurricular activities. According to Wagner, TAU is the only Israeli university to have mandatory excursions for undergrads. Although the students are in Israel primarily to study, the

Yael Wagner

philosophy at TAU is that they should see the country as well. "You miss a major part of Israel if you don't go," says Wagner.

Mandatory excursions include a hike up Masada and trip to Jerusalem. The latter trip is scheduled for the first weekend the students are at the university. "You have to go to Jerusalem," says Wagner. "Jerusalem unites North and South Americans, Central Americans, people from all over the world."

Optional activities for the more adventurous include rock rappelling and a seven-day camping trip to the Sinai.

The majority of foreign students at TAU, about 280 out of 328 this year, are American. There are 35 Canadians. The rest, says Wagner, are from "all over the world — Turkey, China, Korea, Denmark."

Most of them come for Middle Eastern studies, says Wagner. One of the programs they offer is a two-year Master's program in Middle Eastern history, which includes one summer of Hebrew ulpan and a second summer learning Arabic in an ulpan situation. "By the end, they speak both languages fluently," says Wagner.

Since she began her new job in December, Wagner has found that most students want to know nuts and bolts information -- course options, tuition and living costs, and availability of scholarships, as well as what life in the dorms will be like.

One advantage for foreign students is the presence of madrichim who, in addition to organizing extracurricular activities, live in the dorms, acting as a resource for the students.

Further information, including course options, can be obtained from Yael Wagner, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, 3910 Bathurst St., Ste. 205, Toronto, Ont. M3H 5Z3; telephone (416)398-0843. The deadline for applications for the coming academic year is the end of April, although extensions may be permitted if there are extenuating circumstances.

Bondfire program planned

TORONTO —

Transforming 14,000 square feet of raw skyscraper space into a New York "speakeasy" has been a creative challenge for the organizers of The Bondfire of the Vanities. The New Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds expects to host more more than 600 people at the event on April 11 at 8:45 p.m. on the 41st floor of the Canada Trust Tower at BCE Place on Bay Street at Front.

The combination dance and silent auction will feature an all-star band including singer/songwriter Wayne St. John (*Tears Are Not Enough* and the hit single *All That I Know*), Wendy Lands (Eponine in the Canadian production of *Les Miserables*) and Anita Rossi.

About 100 items will go on the block, including works of fine art, an evening with an entertainment

Wendy Lands

celebrity, dinner, theatre and vacation packages, and even a chance to be a walk-on on a TV show. One lucky Bondfire guest will go home with the evening's main door prize: a round-trip ticket to Israel.

Last year's From Russia With Love dance at the St. Lawrence Hall was New Leadership's first such event celebrating the mass migration to Israel of Russian Jews.

All State of Israel Bonds, this year and last, have been used for the settlement, absorption and education of new immigrants.

"From Russia With Love was so successful, the response so positive, that Bondfire of the Vanities is our encore — only bigger and better," says Howard Alter, chairman of New Leadership's functions committee and co-chairman with Hildi Weiman of this year's event.

Alter points out that the Bondfire, a non-solicitation event, is meant to increase awareness. "The aim is for young people ages 25 to 40 to party and socialize with others interested in the future of Israel. We want to reach out to newcomers to New Leadership and let them know what we're about."

Tickets are $55 in advance, $65 at the door. Money raised from the silent auction will be used to purchase State of Israel Bonds, which will then be donated to various charities.

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Notice

TORONTO —

Charles Diamond, nominating committee chairman for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced nominations for officers and members of the Federation's 1992-93 executive board.

Elections will be held during the Federation's 17th annual meeting, scheduled for June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Leah Posluns Theatre at 4588 Bathurst St.

In accordance with Federation bylaws, no nominations can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination to the Federation executive board or officers group by complying with the following bylaw:

"Each nomination to the executive board must be accompanied by seven supporting signatures. Each nomination for an officer must be accompanied by 20 supporting signatures. The nomination, in writing, must be delivered to the Federation administrative offices at 4600 Bathurst St., fourth floor, no later than 42 days before the annual meeting. The nominations must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee. All nominees must be in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal."

Nominations for officers include: Charles Diamond and Herb Rosenfeld, past presidents; Jack Chisvin, president; Wendy Eisen, Marty Goldberg, Henry Koschitzky, Julia Koschitzky, Martin Sable, Shoel Silver and George Wasserman, vice-presidents; Marshall Kesten, treasurer; Phil Alter, assistant treasurer; Harry Krakowsky, secretary; Barry Tissenbaum, assistant secretary; and Gerry Ross, honorary legal counsel.

Officers nominated by virtue of communal positions they hold include: Sandy Brown, chairman of the Board of Jewish Education; Sheila Engel, chairman of Community Planning and Allocations; Judy Gwartz, chairman of the Human Resource Department; Bev Holtzman, president of the Jewish Women's Federation; Bernie Ghert and Neil Nisker, campaign chairman of United Jewish Appeal; and Joseph B. Salsberg, honorary officer.

In addition, the new chairman and national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, will also be Federation officers.

Nominees to be elected at the annual meeting include: Irving Abella; Boris Aryev; Harriett Bomza; David Brown; Aaron Brotman; Sid Butovsky; David Chapley; Roger Chaplin; Gloria Clamen; Maura Cooperberg; Michael Daren; Roz Davidson; Elliott Eisen; Joyce Eklove; Joe Elmaleh; David Engel; Helen Finder-Guttman; Gerda Frieberg; Robert Furman; Ira Gluksin; Henry Goldbach; David Goldberg; Maxine Granovsky; Linda Greenwald; David Hertzman; Carol Kassel; Michael Kerbel; Martin Krossel; Pearl Langer; Judy Libman; Elaine Lightstone; Bev Lyons; Karen Morton; Wendy Posluns; Moshe Ronen; Eli R. Rubinstein; Alan Sandler; Sam Schwartz; Victor Shields; Stuart Shoenfeld; Margie Shore; Marsha Slavens; Joseph Steiner; Howard Stevens; Joan Stevens; Diane Swartz; Didi Urbach; Harry Wolkin; and Harvey Zimmerman.

Those nominated by virtue of other community positions held include: Donald Bennett; Alan Brown; Sheldon Disenhouse; Judy Engel; Edwin Goldstein; Harry Gorman; Gerald Kane; Debbie Kimel; Louis Lenkinski; Jack Mintz; Penny Offman; Lorraine Sandler; Ralph Shedletzky; Judy Shulman; Michael Steele; Cyrel Troster; and Morris Zbar.

Those to be co-opted for election at the first executive meeting following the annual meeting include: Rabbi Wayne Allen; Susan Borden; Hilda Cohen; Samuel H. Cohen; Madeleine Epstein; Jil Goldberg-Reitman; Melvyn Kay; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner; Mira Koschitzky; Richard Lorie; Paula Mittleman; Norman Mogul; Rabbi John Moscovitz; Eldon Moses; Judy Noyek; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson; David Perlmutter; Jill Goldberg-Reitman; Joel Reitman; Rabbi Philip Scheim; Judy Scheininger; Les Scheininger; Jerome Shore; Rabbi Moshe Stern; Francie Storm; Stephen Teplitsky; Rabbi Lawrence Troster; Lloyd Weiss; Stephen Wise; Chuck Zaionz; and Allan Zender.

Past presidents of the federation who are life members include: Ronald Appleby; Donald Carr; Albert A. "Bucky" Epstein; Irving "Yitz" Feldman; Phil Granovsky; Milton Harris; Abe Posluns; Wilfred Posluns; Jack Rose; Sam Sable and Rose Wolfe.

BBW/C chapter buys wheelchair

TORONTO —

Sha'aron chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C), recently undertook a special project which resulted in significantly improving and enhancing a young woman's life.

The project involved collecting aluminum pop can tabs and turning them into cash to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. The president of Sha'aron chapter, Lynn Sokoloff, enlisted the help of the other B'nai Brith Women of Canada chapters in Toronto as well as additional community groups and businesses.

Some gave as few as 10 tabs, others such as Camp Robin Hood, had saved tabs all last summer but did not know what to do with them. Sha'aron Chapter was grateful to receive a 50-gallon drum full of tabs from them. The Metro Toronto Fitness Centre gave Sha'aron chapter thousands of tabs. Others who participated by saving tabs include the students and staff of Withrow Public School, German Mills Public School, William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, United Synagogue Day School — Bathurst campus, the workers at Oakville Hydro, a young child staying at Ronald McDonald House; an elderly woman herself confined to a wheelchair and, of course, Sha'aron chapter members as well as their friends and associates.

On March 16, a wheelchair was presented to a 12-year-old girl suffering from a form of muscular dystrophy. Grants from the government and the Muscular Dystrophy Association did not cover the full cost of the wheelchair and the family did not have sufficient funds to cover the cost. However the proceeds of the sale of the pull tabs collected by Sha'aron chapter made the difference and the wheelchair was presented.

Sha'aron chapter's project continues with Janet Genser, who originally brought the project to the chapter, as chairman; pull tabs are being collected to purchase additional chairs. You may help by donating pull tabs — call 881-1337 or 665-0179.

You will be helping Sha'aron chapter, BBW/C to fulfil their mandate of "People Helping People."

Sha'aron chapter of BBW/C helped purchase a wheelchair through their collection of pop can tabs. Seen in the photograph with Deidre Samuels, the recipient of the chair, are (from left) Janet Genser, tab collection chairman; Janet Samuels, Deidre's mother; and Lynne Sokoloff, president of Sha'aron chapter.

Kingston's Siegel fought in Israel war

KINGSTON —

A veteran of the Israel War of Independence, Av Siegel, 68, died here recently. In 1948 he fought in the Givati brigade in Israel and later with the Canadian 7th brigade. He served in the RCAF from 1943-46.

An active worker in the Kingston Jewish community, he was a member of the executive of the United Israel Appeal, was chairman of the Chevra Kadisha for 20 years, and a member of Beth Israel Synagogue. "He was a wonderfully generous supporter of the United Israel Appeal of Canada," said Barney Harris, field director.

Born in Toronto, Siegel was a member of a strongly Zionist family well known in Poale Zion circles. He attended Harbord Collegiate, then entered the auto parts business as a counter clerk at Levy Auto Parts, before becoming a salesman on the road for the firm.

In 1955 he moved to Kingston where he opened his own business, Midtown Automotive Supply Ltd., which he operated until his retirement four years ago. One of his volunteer activities, after his retirement, was to visit patients in hospitals.

Surviving are his wife, Betty (Kushner), whom he married in 1951, four children, Mark, Tampa, Fla., Deborah Rose, Willowdale, Winston, Toronto, and Nancy, Marlbank, Ont., and seven grandchildren.

Eulogies were given by Rabbi Howard Finkelstein and Rabbi Marvin Feigenbaum.

St. John's survey

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In his last report in 1990, in which Bibby used questions contained in the St. John survey, the conclusions contradicted claims by Jewish organizations that anti-Semitism is on the rise across the country.

Based on interviews with 1,500 people, Bibby found that:

- the proportion of Canadians who claim they "feel at ease" with Jews remained steady since 1975, at just over 91 percent.
- between 1975 and 1980 there was a decrease from 28 percent to 13 percent in the perception that Jews have too much money. Nationally, the excessive power image has remained at that level over the past decade. It has, however, risen from 11 percent to 17 percent in the Atlantic region since 1980.
- Opposition to Jews marrying Protestants and Catholics has declined since 1975 from approximately 21 percent to 14 percent.

The poll revealed 16 percent of Canadians expressed intolerance to East Indians and Pakistanis, 10 percent against native people, nine percent against blacks and seven percent against Orientals and Jews.

Bibby's survey reflected a gradual diminishing in prejudice across the country.

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Organizations and People

U.S. political process focus of conference

TORONTO —

Canadian observers to the recent United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinets in Washington, came with some useful insights in dealing with political action issues in Canada.

The UJA gathering, dubbed A Call to Action, was the eighth national Young Leadership conference. Around 3,100 Jewish participants, mainly Americans, gathered to learn about issues facing American and world Jewry, as well as as to rally in front of Capitol Hill. The participants represent Jewish federations throughout the United States, serving some six million American Jews.

The 14-member Toronto contingent was co-chaired by Loretta Levinson and Linda Fiszer, who belong to the Young Leadership Network in Toronto.

For the small group of Canadians, it was the opportunity to witness the American process that leads up to change through the legislative system. Conference participants lobbied 420 congressmen on major issues that included loan guarantees, the Religious Freedom Act and aid to Israel, says Fiszer.

"We don't realize the power that we have as voters," she commented.

According to Levinson, the main overall difference between Canada and the United States is that Jews in the United States feel they can make an impact in the political process.

Levinson describes as "apathy" the response of Canadians to their political system. "There's a lack of respect for our MPs and an apathy in general in terms of how we, as Jewish Canadian citizens, can make an impact."

She would like to see more participation by Canadians in the next Young Leadership Cabinet, which will be held in two years.

"We will attempt to duplicate the Young Leadership structure in place in the United States, and try to bring pieces of that to Toronto and on the national level," she noted, adding, "We are also looking into sending observers to the Young Leadership Cabinet retreat."

According to participants Dr. David Burstein, Canadians as a group are not as politically involved or as knowledgeable about their system of government as their American counterparts. But there are reasons behind the Canadians' lack of knowledge of how the system works, he explains.

"One of the primary differences, since [the Canadian system] is different, is that we really don't think that getting involved in politics has any effect internationally," says Burstein. "The Americans are one step away from making a difference — unlike Canada, which has only one seat on the [United Nations] Security Council."

The Toronto contingent members who attended the leadership conference included: Burstein; Jackie Ditz; Dr. Norman Epstein; Jeremy Freedman; Judith Finer-Freedman; Robin Kachuck; Naomi Judith Rose; Dr. Rob and Cheryl Urback; and Risa Wohl. UJA/Operation Exodus campaign associate Rosie Sosnowicz and United Israel Appeal director of special programs Eli Rubenstein accompanied the group.

Rosie Sosnowicz (left), UJA/Operation Exodus campaign associate, recently accompanied a Young Leadership Network group from Toronto to Washington for the eighth national UJA Young Leadership Cabinet. Also participating in the conference were (from left) Loretta Levinson, conference co-chairman; Dr. David Burstein, Robin Kachuck; and Linda Fiszer, conference co-chairman.

Ancient cemetery tree comes down

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

A 50-foot oak tree "as wide around as your kitchen table" was cut down last week after standing in front of Toronto's oldest Jewish cemetery on Pape Avenue for well over a century.

Cemetery superintendent Douglas Brown, who has raked the tree's fallen leaves for almost three decades, says it may have been planted by founding members of Toronto's Jewish community when the stone gate outside the 1849 cemetery was erected.

"There was probably some kind of ceremony when they put the wall up, and they must have planted the tree at the same time," he says.

According to Brown, who tends the cemetery for the Holy Blossom Temple, lightning struck the oak several years ago and again last autumn, damaging the trunk and necessitating its amputation. "I discussed it with the temple, and we decided that we would take the tree down as a precaution, rather than let it fall and damage the wall or be a risk to public safety on the street."

Other changes have beset the small historic cemetery lately, Brown says. After vandals knocked over 16 headstones last year, barbed wire was strung around its perimeter fence. "It's unfortunate," he says, "because I didn't want the place looking like Stalag 17."

The oak tree had survived much change, including the encroachment of the big city. In its early days, the cemetery was surrounded by farmers' fields and accessible only by a dirt road from Queen Street. Today the rectangular burial ground, in which about 200 tombstones are still standing, is wedged inconspicuously among houses and a playground near the large Gerrard Square shopping mall, a small peaceful patch of green in the bustling city.

While numerous prominent Jews from 19th century Toronto were buried at Pape, none was better known than wealthy industrialist Lewis Samuel, father of the philanthropist Sigmund Samuel. His funeral procession in May 1887 was reportedly miles in length. Perhaps some of his mourners rested momentarily outside the front gate, finding relief from the hot sun beneath the towering oak.

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

The sun has finally shown its smiling face and the temperature has soared to three degrees above zero. **Torontonians** seem to be happy, or as happy as a **Torontonian** can be, which means they actually nod at you when you get on an elevator with them. No meeting of the eyes, mind you, nor even a vigorous nod, but a nod nonetheless.

My mind, however, is elsewhere, as it usually is. Today, it happens to be at the racetrack. Yes, I admit it. Next to women, thoroughbred horses are my great love and when you think about it, there is a lot of similarity between them. They're both strong and proud, not to mention sleek and spirited. And both can turn any man's head.

Why do I mention this? No reason. I just like to tell you the frame of mind I'm in as I write these columns. It may help you to understand when you hear someone say, "What a strange guy the **Butcher Man** is." Then again, it may not. So let's get on with it.

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The reason for this bizarre law is to protect the local wildlife (does this mean rodents?) from a real cat-astrophe.

If you think that's bad (the law, not the pun) dogs have it even worse. They're not allowed to go out at all. So let's add **Sherbrooke Shire** to the **Butcher Man's** Forbidden Destinations List.

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As I've talked about animals in this column let me end it with a horse story.

Sol is down in the dumps. He's tired of winter and since his wife died several years ago, he's lonely. He decides to go to a dude ranch even though he's never ridden a horse in his life.

He tells the riding instructor that he wants a good-natured horse and simple instructions on how to ride.

The instructor tells **Sol** not to worry. "When you want the horse to walk, you say Oy. When you want it to trot, you say, Oy. Oy. And when you want him to run, you say Oy. Oy. Oy."

"And how do I get him to stop?" Easy, says the young man. Just say "Shalom."

"Great," says **Sol**, as he's given a leg up onto the horse's back. With reins in hand, **Sol** says, "Oy," and the horse starts to walk. After about a 100 yards, **Sol** shouts, "Oy. Oy," and the horse breaks into a trot. It isn't long before **Sol** is feeling pretty confident, so he yells out, "Oy. Oy. Oy."

Sure enough, the horse starts to run, but he's soon heading straight for a precipice. Oh, no, thinks **Sol**, I'm going to die. How do I stop him? Then he remembers. "Shalom," he shouts, and the horse comes to a stop right on the edge of the precipice. A shaken Sol looks over the edge and says, "Oy oy oy."

Everglades more than just marshland

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

HOMESTEAD — Appearances are deceiving and nowhere is this truer than in the Everglades National Park in southern Florida.

If you drive through it hurriedly without stopping, you will be keenly disappointed. All you will see is a monotonous expanse of marshland, clumps of skinny pine trees and the silhouette of hardwood forests.

But if you take the trouble to explore its well-marked trails, your curiosity will be vindicated.

Established in 1947, Everglades National Park is a mix of sawgrass marsh, ponds, sloughs, tree islands, pinelands and hammocks.

It is also rich in animal and bird life. Indeed, this vast nature reserve, which lies about an hour from the hustle and bustle of Miami, is home to 11 endangered animal species, ranging from the Florida panther and the West Indian Manatee to the American crocodile and the Southern Bald eagle.

Its sub-tropical climate makes it a year-round attraction, but the best time to visit is during the dry season, which runs from October to May, when wildlife congregates around waterholes visible from trails.

The wet season, which is hot and humid, brings out hordes of mosquitos. But in a delicate ecosystem like this, mosquitos are a blessing in disguise, since mosquito larvae form the basis of the food chain upon which fish, birds and alligators ultimately depend.

Although the Everglades is designated as a World Heritage Site, it is probably the most endangered national park in the United States.

Unchecked population growth in South Florida is siphoning off its very lifeblood — water. And these ecological problems will mushroom if current trends are not reversed, warn environmentalists.

Before you plunge into the Everglades, stop at the main visitors building, where rangers can help you map out a program.

There is something for every taste — bird-watching, camping, ranger-guided activities (hikes, talks, canoe trips, campfire programs), fishing (snapper, redfish, bass and trout are abundant), boating and hiking.

Ideally, you should spend several days here. But since I had less than one full day, I decided to explore two of the seven trails. I could have covered far more ground had I been alone. But my mother is not a great walker, and my 9-year-old daughter, Lauren, is at her best in theme parks like Disney World and Universal Studios.

The Anhinga Trail enables you to see wildlife close-up: alligators, turtles, herons, egrets, rabbits. We saw a plenitude of showy birds, as well as scaly, grotesque alligators lazing in a hazy sun. Since we were advised not to feed the animals and the birds, we kept our breadcrumbs to ourselves.

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Arts

Forrester gives warm tribute

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Famed contralto Maureen Forrester paid a warm tribute to Helen Greenberg, the local composer of a cycle of Yiddish songs, by calling her to the stage at a concert celebrating the 25th anniversary of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

It was a well-deserved tribute for Greenberg, a member of Beth Tikvah, who is a composer, conductor and singer, whose *Froienstimme*(Women's Voices) was being given its concert premiere in a recital by Forrester.

In the haunting melodies she composed for them, and in the choice of the Yiddish poems themselves, Greenberg managed to paint a broad canvas of the life of women, particularly their involvement with nature. The titles of the poems give an indication of their eclectic range: *I Have Seen a Swallow* by Dora Teitelbaum, *With a Fool*by Malka Heifetz Tussman, *Drowsing Birds* by Leah Rudnitzky, *What Do Women Do?* by Berta King, *I Stand in the Midday* by Rachel Korn.

"These songs are touchingly beautiful," said Forrester as she presented Greenberg to the capacity audience.

From the moment she confessed that she uses two contact lenses, one for close-up housework and one for distance, it was a love affair pure and simple between the singer and her audience. As the program went on to *Songs of a Wayfarer* by Gustav Mahler, *Four Ladino Folk Songs* arranged by Alberto Hemsi, Israeli songs in Hebrew *Kineret*and *Shir Haemek* by Mark Lavry, Forrester added personal comments, enriching the bond.

"I know some Spanish but Ladino is quite a bit different and Spanish speakers may understand them and they may not," she said, about the Ladino folk songs.

"I am not a sad person, but this is a sad song and it is one of my favorites," she said, introducing *I'm Beautiful Again by Jerry Herman*, in her finale of Broadway songs. Her other choices were *It's a Grand Night for Singing, The Song is You, Only the Lonely and Hello Young Lovers*. As an encore, she sang, unaccompanied, words of thanks to her audience.

As usual, her accompanist Derek Brampton was flawless in his performance.

Jerry M. Nesker, head of the Musica Beth Tikvah committee, chaired the program.

Russian talent set to hit stage

TORONTO —
The first made-for-profit musical comedy ever produced in Moscow hits the boards in Toronto at the Music Hall Theatre with previews beginning March 28.

Russians on Broadway is the first commercial theatre production to come out of the former Soviet Union, and Toronto was picked for its North American premiere because it is a city which appreciates good theatre whatever its origin, says Perry Breskin, consultant for Century Productions.

Ninety percent of the cast's 38 actors, dancers, singers and musicians are Jewish, as is its director, choreographer and author, Yuri Zorov.

Though all the cast are from the former Soviet Union, the musical is done completely in English, the cast receiving special coaching in the language.

Musical fable

Breskin describes the production as a musical fable dealing with the ambitions of Russian performers to hit the big time on Broadway.

"This is the first time that Russian artists have been able to get out on their own and the play deals with all the ridiculous and lyrical moments that happen when they try to break though all the cliches of show business on Broadway," Breskin said.

Cast members are solidly established stars in the Russian theatre and most would not be interested in applying to stay in North American, he said.

Requests have already come in from South Africa and South America for *Russians on Broadway* to be produced there.

The musical opens April 8 and runs to May 9. For information call the Music Hall Theatre, 778-8163. — B.R.

Eye on Arts

La Scala-bound cantor Alberto Mizrahi will present *An Evening of Sephardic Songs*, on Monday, April 6 at Leah Posluns Theatre, under the patronage of the consul-general of Spain in Toronto.

The 8 p.m. concert is the second is a series of Sephardic events presented by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto in collaboration with the Institute for Jewish Learning and the Ontario Sephardic Association in commemoration of the 1492 expulsion of the Jews from Spain. The Jewish Music Society of Toronto Singers, under the baton of Gordon Kushner will also be on the program.

Alberto Mizrahi

Rabbi Baruj Garzon, who the Spanish consul reports was the first rabbi in Spain since the expulsion, is expected as a guest of honor at a post-concert reception.

Greek-born Mizrahi is a leading exponent of Jewish music throughout the world. His 1991-92 season included recitals in New York's Carnegie Hall, Mexico, Israel, Greece and Italy, where he has been invited back to perform at Milan's famed La Scala Opera House later in 1992. He has performed leading roles in more than a dozen operas, including Rigoletto, Faust, Lucia di Lamermoor and Tosca. His concert repertoire spans nine languages, including that of his Sephardic heritage, Ladino.

Tickets for the concert are $20 and may be reserved by credit card at 631-5660.

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The world premiere of Canadian composer John Weinzweig's humorous review of contemporary life through the media, *Prime Time*, will be presented in the du Maurier Theatre at Harbourfront on April 26 at 8 p.m.

Prime Time is Weinzweig's most recent work in a career that spans nearly 60 years. The musical score is interwoven with messages from the news media inserted without rhyme or reason.

Tickets may be purchased at any Harbourfront box office or by calling 973-4000.

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Canadian concert saxophonist Paul Brodie has been invited to return to China for a three week concert tour from April 27 to May 17, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of the government of the People's Republic of China and China Records.

The historic first album of saxophone music Brodie made during his first tour in May 1990, sold over 1 million copies. On this tour, he will record another album, perform with symphony orchestras, symphonic bands, present recitals with piano accompaniment and give master classes at the three largest conservatories of music in Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu.

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In May, the Kirov Ballet of the Maryinsky Theatre returns to North America from St. Petersburg, a city where the company has reigned supreme in culture for 250 years. This will be the Kirov's most comprehensive and ambitious tour of the continent, including three months of performance in 12 cities in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

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Golden age recreated in Finkel's Follies

By
GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

You may not know the name, but take it from me Fyvush (Philip in English) Finkel is an incorrigibly likeable veteran comic-actor who has a gentle and loving devotion to old time Yiddish vaudeville.

Finkel has conceived and headlines *Finkel's Follies*, a delightful pastiche of vaudeville songs, old routines and sketches, drawn from the best of New York's Second Avenue theatrical heyday.

Supported by a spritely trio of young talented performers (Avi Hoffman, Mary Ellen Ashley and Kim Cea), Finkel plays homage to that golden age of Yiddish vaudeville, echoing warm memories of such luminaries as Menashe Skulnick, Molly Picon, Jeannie Goldstein and Willie Howard. Much of the timeless material is derived from Finkel's own experience, having started as a child in Yiddish theatre.

Performed in Yinglish (85 per cent English, 15 per cent Yiddish and 100 per cent au natural), the *Follies* provides the audience with a splendid introduction to, and an affectionate remembrance of that historical time.

Theatregoers who enjoyed *Those Were The Days*, another Yiddish musical revue seen last season at the Leah Posluns Theatre, will absolutely adore this production. Without taking anything away from *Those Were The Days*, one must say that Finkel has a better show. It is very, very funny — and it has tender moments. You will laugh, you will cry and you will walk away dancing.

When asked about the show, Finkel had this to say: "When I hear so many laughs it really gives me a pick-up. It makes me feel good that we haven't lost our heritage, somewhere, somehow. Audiences forget their troubles when they come to see our show. They may even forget how much they had to pay for the tickets."

Finkel has the time of his life, and he makes no secret of his love of performing. He wears it proudly and prominently as he rolls his saucer eyes Eddie Cantor style, and when he looks slyly at the audience we can see in his elastic face a lifetime of genuine love for a durable and traditional art form that has become an integral part of our folklore.

The routines are interspersed with a priceless selection of vintage Yiddish songs and original numbers by Finkel's son, musical director Elliott Finkel. The rest is unaffected nostalgia. I am happy to report there's still plenty of life left in the old shtick.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Westside Theatre, 407 West 43rd St., New York. For tickets call Ticketmaster (212) 307-4100.

Fyvush Finkel (centre) is surrounded by (from left) Kim Cea, Avi Hoffman and Mary Ellen Ashley in a scene from Finkel's Follies.

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Toronto artist and sculptor Ernest Raab (second from right) donated this sculpture to the Toronto Bayview Regional Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre as a tribute to the care and dedication of the centre's staff. At the unveiling with Raab is (from left) Peter Ellis, president and CEO, Sunnybrook; Goldi Raab; Dr. Robert Buckman, oncologist and his son Jamie and Dr. Derek Jenkin, Sunnybrook's medical director.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Benevolence & Betrayal: Five Italian Jewish Families Under Fascism by Alexander Stille (Summit Books) $25 (U.S.)

During the Holocaust, Italian Jews were a numerically tiny group — fewer than 50,000. About 7,000 of them perished between the years 1943 and 1945.

As Alexander Stille points out in this absorbing study, some Jews were fervent adherents of the fascist cause. Several hundred were in the ranks of Mussolini's Black Shirts who in 1921 successfully marched on Rome and installed their leader. Actually, some Italian Jews, in their misplaced patriotism, displayed fierce anti-Zionist feelings. They believed, even when they became objects of persecution, that Mussolini's anti-Semitism was different than Hitler's.

Roughly 85 percent of Italian Jewry survived, largely because their neighbors were not infected with the anti-Semitic virus so deeply prevalent in other European countries. Many Catholics sheltered Jews and demonstrated openly on their behalf. According to an historian of the period, the Italian Holocaust was, "a twisted legacy — a blend of courage and cowardice, nobility and degradation, self-sacrifice and opportunism. In contrast to other countries, perhaps, the worthy behavior outweighed the unworthy, but the horror was nonetheless real."

The author, an American journalist living in Italy, the son of an Italian Jewish father, structures his carefully researched book around the experiences of five different Jewish families.

One such family was the Ovazzas of Turin. Ettore, the family head, revered Mussolini as a man of culture and rationality. In order to prove his loyalty to Il Duce, he tried to organize the fire bombing of a Zionist publication in Florence. His love for fascism was not enough to save his life from Nazi brutality.

Unlike the Ovazzas, the Foas of Turin were anti-fascist. Vittorio Foa, through his secret organization, Justice and Liberation, fought Mussolini and his program at every turn. The author indicates how a half-Jewish fascist spy known as Pitigrilli infiltrated Foa's group and betrayed him and many of its members. Despite his many years in prison, Vittorio, now in his 80s, is still a vigorous member of the Italian Senate.

The Di Veroli family were largely peddlers and shop-keepers. They couldn't believe that the Nazis, who occupied Rome for nine months toward the end of the war, would dare repeat the barbarities that they had committed in other parts of Europe. Unhappily, many of them were deported to concentration camps.

A fascinating chapter concentrates on Rabbi Riccardo Pacifici of Genoa and his relations with a Catholic priest and brave layman who, with rare bravery and imagination, saved many Jews.

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Fashion

Winning fashion formula

TORONTO —

The owners of a North York design house may have hit upon the winning fashion formula for the '90s.

Ben and Luba Vernon of Vernon Vernon Design House for Women are achieving $1,000 a square foot in sales by offering clients high-calibre service which includes free color and figure analysis, and a color-co-ordinated approach to dressing (based on skintones) that helps clients extend their wardrobe needs for several seasons.

For the last seven years, the Vernons have been the only designers in North America to manufacture and retail elegant, better women's clothing based on the colors principles. Their collections are fashioned in colors that flatter all skin tones as well as the trendy shades of the current season.

Ben says many retailers are floundering because they don't have the right concepts for the sophisticated shopper of the '90s. "People are demanding more than trendy clothes on a rack in a boutique staffed by untrained, uncaring staff," he says.

Women today are more interested in fashioning an image than catering to fickle trends, he adds. The Design House motto is you get a better bang for your buck if you understand your physical traits and flatter them with the right colors.

"Having one's colors done is a service many people have paid for, but at Vernon Vernon it's part of the free retail service package that you get simply by coming to the store.

"Customers love the personalized attention and I think that's what's missing in other stores," says design director Luba.

"Many people have told me that after they had their colors done elsewhere they didn't know where to go for clothes in their colors. For the last seven years we've been the only designers in North America to meet their needs."

That extra level of service attracted hundreds of new clients to the Vernons in 1991 (more than 50 percent were referrals from other satisfied customers) at a time when many boutiques were losing customers.

At Vernon Vernon, new clients fill out a confidential questionnaire detailing everything from body measurements to style preferences — the goal being to get an overall picture of lifestyle, personality and, ultimately, their fashion needs.

Clients then undergo an individual color and figure consultation with a personable, well-trained image consultant in which the most flattering palette of colors is determined according to seasonal theory.

Winters and summers have blue undertones in their skin and look best in cool colors (winters wear the dramatic shades and summers are advised to wear the softer colors in the palette). Those designated spring or autumn have yellow undertones and look best in warmer colors. Springs wear the warm, bright tones in the palette; autumns the deeper, more intense colors.

After this assessment, the consultant guides clients through a style book complete with swatches, which aids them in choosing clothes and accessories which best suit their needs.

The clothing is then selected from the stockroom and a fitting with the company's expert tailors takes place. In just two hours, all shopping can be done for that season, says Luba.

Prices for Vernon Vernon clothing range from $395 to $600 for suits; from $199 to $400 for dresses; from $149 to $249 for blouses; and from $179 to $249 for pants.

TOP CREW

Celebrity models and fashion designer Franco Mirabelli help launch the March of Dimes' 1992 Fundraising Campaign. Pictured here, (left to right) Margaret Illman, Principal Dancer for the National Ballet; Donna Rubin from the Phantom of the Opera; Theresa Tova of CTV's ENG; Franco Mirabelli; ENG's Mary Beth Rubens; and Angela Dohrmann of CBC's Material World.

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The average customer, according to the Vernons, spends $1,000 to $5,000 a season. All purchases are carefully noted in a client file so that the co-ordination process can be continued from year to year.

At Vernon Vernon, a client can buy a suit one season and pull it "forward" for the next few years by adding new coordinates that keep the outfit up-to-date. "We pay attention to previous purchases by seeking out new prints and fabrics that will match last year's suit," explains Ben. "There are no other retailers doing this."

The Vernons believe co-ordinated dressing will get more attention in the '90s. "In the '80s many women went on shopping sprees and often ended up with wardrobes that looked like a flea market on Sunday afternoon. They got one-look outfits that didn't co-ordinate and weren't flexible like a well-co-ordinated wardrobe can be," says Ben. "But in the tougher economic climate of the '90s, people will want to get as much out of their clothing as possible. We help our clients to stretch their choices, not restrict them."

The Vernons also believe in keeping in touch with their clients on a regular basis. Much time and effort goes towards informing clients of fashion news at the Design House, from notices of special events and sales, to descriptive and illustrated seasonal style books and their Fashion Report, a 12-page color newspaper that concentrates on the international fashion scene and highlights news at the Design House.

"If you have a good concept and offer good service, people will come to you. We aim to give women the kind of service that will keep them coming back for years to come," says Ben Vernon.

In addition to selling their color-co-ordinated clothing, the Vernons also sell a well-known collection of clothing called Celebrity to better women's apparel shops across North America.

Vernon Vernon Design House for Women is located at Dufferin and Steeles in North York.

Marci Lipman is called "a woman with a vision"

Marci Lipman, (bottom row, centre) recently addressed the Marketing Division of the United Jewish Appeal-Operation Exodus at the Primrose Club. Standing, (from left) are Marketing Committee members Debra Spears, Barnaby Kalan, Michael Konikoff, Jack Buzaglo, Jeff Levy, Shawna Morris, Vanessa Stanley and Shari Wert. Seated, (from left) are Lori Lerner, Lipman and Loretta Levinson.

TORONTO –

Marci Lipman is a woman with a vision. That was how the Marketing division of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus viewed the 44-year-old design maven after she made a presentation to the group recently at the Primrose Club.

According to the division's co-chairman, Loretta Levinson: "It was so refreshing to have a presentation from a bright, cheery person surrounded by so many bright colors in these days of gloom and recession."

The name Marci Lipman is synonymous with the drawing of a little spotted dog — her logo. It didn't happen that way by accident, she explained. Although she is not an artist, she has a sense for art and is constantly looking for artists to express her ideas.

Lipman's message was: "If you personally don't have the skills to make it work, you just have to go out and find the people who do."

Her eye for art was recognized early in her career. She began as an art consultant for major businesses and industries, helping the corporate world beautify its offices and buildings.

Later, she went into poster design, commissioning artists to come up with new works. Lipman, who has a fine arts degree from York University, now uses her logo on all her products.

A presentation of Lipman's spring line of clothing was made at the event. She explained that her little dog adapts to the shopping seasons. In the winter, she said, he wears a scarf on the company's shopping bags.

Stylized barnyard designs, an innovation of Lipman, became popular after she threw a party in honor of her fifth anniversary in the poster business. The party was dubbed Udder Delight and souvenir T-shirts with a print of a cow on them were distributed to guests.

She discovered a great demand for the T-shirt after the party. And so began her career in clothing manufacturing; Lipman calls the switch to clothing a natural progression.

She gets her inspiration from everywhere, she told the group. Whenever she is moved by something she has seen, she tries to incorporate it into her work.

Lipman also discussed her Jewishness. She stressed how important it is to give back to the community. Lipman works with various charities, including UJA/Operation Exodus.

"She does not have a business background," says Levinson. "But she's a marketing success, because she's been able to create a niche in the marketing place. She believes in the power of advertising."

Russian-speaking top supermodel steals the show

By
DANNY BEN-TAL

TEL AVIV –

Visitors often comment on the exotic beauty of Israeli women, many of them the product of Jewish ethnic intermarriage. Now there's a new type of beauty — leggy, Russian-speaking, blue-eyed and blonde.

Heading the pack is 21-year-old supermodel Valerie Alphimov, who, within a year of her aliyah, became the first Soviet immigrant to reach local celebrity status as a model.

"Everyone loves Valerie," says Betty Rockaway, director of the country's largest modelling agency, Image. Gossip columnists want to know of her exploits, fashion-show organizers her itinerary, and men her phone number." Even within the immigrant community, she is famous, notably for her regular beauty column in *Novostie*, a Russian-language daily.

Although married, a mother of one, with barely a smattering of Hebrew, five-foot 10-inch Alphimov easily won the Miss Beersheva crown and the agents' attentions while still studying at ulpan. A photo session at Image was arranged soon after and within months, Valerie became Israel's most in-demand model, maintaining a hectic schedule of photo sessions, fashion shows and public engagements. "She has everything one looks for in a model — including the will to work hard," says Rockaway.

Now no Israeli beauty contest is complete without a Russian girl. "Their main advantage is that they are blonde — and blondes are an extremely marketable commodity in this country," points out Uri Shlezinger, creative manager of the Kesher-Barel advertising agency. "Israeli girls may have sensuous bodies, but they lack the Russians' height. In addition, the newcomers have the type of chiselled features and voluptuous lips that advertisers look for nowadays."

Image already has seven Soviet models on its books who interestingly enough, are all married. While the profession has a poor image in the Soviet Union, where models are underpaid and maltreated, says Rockaway, in Israel the opposite is true. Jewish mothers want their girls to succeed in these materialistic times, and often push them into modelling.

"Some advertisers are now asking specifically for Russian models," she continues, "as they are not spoiled and will stand in front of a camera for hours without complaining. It's a case of self-endurance, I suppose. They usually need the money more than the Israeli girls. To be a truly great model, though, I think you need to have experienced life and many of these girls have been through untold hardships. This has given them the determination and adaptability they need to achieve."

When Alphimov travelled to Italy for test shots in May, and later to the reputed Eileen Ford Agency in Los Angeles, the Israeli press closely traced her progress. "Exciting as it was to see other countries, I was glad to see the lights of Ben Gurion Airport approaching," exclaimed Alphimov, in fluent if limited Hebrew. "I would jump at the opportunity to work abroad, but Israel is now my home and I'll always come back here."

Thursday is talent-spotting day at Image's Tel Aviv offices. From early afternoon, the agency's corridors are lined with dozens of would-be models, most of them pretty teenagers with illusions of grandeur. "It's easy to spot the ones who haven't a hope of succeeding," says overworked chief booker Shiri Ben-Dov. "Picking out the one's with that indefinable 'it' is far more difficult."

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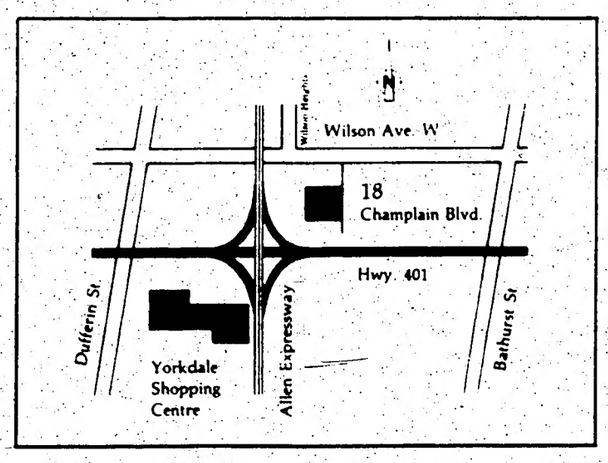

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Business Outlook

Canadian vacationers' most-asked queries answered

By
JOEL GUBERMAN

Each year, millions of Canadians travel to the United States, and each winter tens of thousands migrate to Florida, Arizona and the warmer U.S. South for extended visits of five, six and seven months or longer. Each year, a number of unfortunate vacationers are turned back at the airport or border, and denied entrance to the United States. This article examines some of the legal rights and privileges of Canadians at the border, and gives practical tips for minimizing the inevitable questioning by U.S. Immigration and Customs officials by asking and answering some of the most common and often the most misunderstood aspects of U.S. Immigration.

Q — As a Canadian citizen do I have a right to enter the United States?

A — Canadian citizens and permanent residents are often under the impression that they have an absolute right to enter the United States as a visitor whenever they wish. This is not the case. U.S. immigration law presumes that every person is an intending immigrant to the United States — someone who desires to live in the United States permanently — unless that person can show that his or her intentions are not permanent, but temporary.

This question is uppermost in the mind of a U.S. Immigration officer each time a person appears at a border or port of entry seeking entry to the United States. The burden of showing temporary intent rests with the traveller. If one's intentions are to stay in the United States permanently — an immigration officer will not admit without appropriate immigrant papers.

Medical grounds

Q — Do I need a visa, passport or stamp to enter the United States?

A — Canadian citizens do not need visitor's visas to enter the United States, nor do permanent residents of Canada who are citizens of Commonwealth countries. Canadian citizens do not require passports to enter the United States, however, permanent residents may, depending on their nationality. Canadian citizens must have proof of Canadian citizenship. Nationals of most countries of the world are still required to obtain visitor's visas to the United States at a United States Consulate or Embassy outside the United States, which visa is known as a B-1/B-2.

Some individuals may be ineligible to visit the United States on medical grounds, criminal grounds (even if it's a very old criminal conviction), drug involvement, or for security reasons, without first obtaining a waiver of these grounds. Visitors to the United States who suspect that they are ineligible should check with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States or a lawyer to determine whether or not this is the case prior to attempting entry.

Q — How long can I stay in the United States?

A — The length of time one may stay in the United States is probably the most misunderstood aspect of U.S. Immigration.

Generally, U.S. law grants "visitor" status to a person who has a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning, and who is visiting the United States temporarily for business or pleasure.

In this context, "residence" means one's place of general abode — it does not mean having an apartment or house per se. Residence rather refers to one's ties to one's home country, including relatives, bank accounts, credit cards, business interests and the like.

Visitors may be admitted for up to one year, although extensions of up to six months may be obtained from within the United States. It is not true that a person may only visit the United States for up to six months; so long as the true purpose of one's trip to the United States is temporary, longer stays are permissible. However, visits to the United States of, say, 10 months per year annually, with only two months return to Canada, might well be seen by a U.S. Immigration officer as a situation in which a Canadian has abandoned his residence in Canada.

The bottom line is what is the traveller's intention at the time of entering the United States. Is it to stay temporarily? If so, generally speaking, one is admissible. If it is permanent or arguably permanent, chances are admission will not be granted.

Concise answers

Probably the three most common questions asked by Immigration authorities at port of entry are: Citizen of what country? Purpose of one's visit to the United States? Intended length of stay? A clear and concise answer to these questions is important. Specific plans concerning one's return as well as good evidence of one's ties to Canada are important to convince an Immigration officer that a stay in the United States is a temporary one, even though it may be for an extended length of time.

Q — Can I work while visiting the United States?

A — A person entering the United States as a visitor can be classified as a visitor for business or a visitor for pleasure. Temporary visitors for business may conduct business activities which are predominantly incidental to employment in Canada. A business visitor may not be paid in the United States, other than expenses, and cannot engage in what could be construed as "labor for hire."

It is certainly permissible to manage one's own investments from a vacation in the United States, and it is possible to investigate investing in the United States, and even future employment opportunities. To work on a long-term basis in the United States will require a work permit and a particular work visa, of which there are several possiblities. Canadians are also eligible for a number of visas pursuant to the terms of the Free Trade Agreement, of which include intra-company transferees, certain professionals with offers of employment, and investors.

(Joel Guberman is a lawyer who specializes in U.S. Immigration and Free Trade related matters. He is past chairman of the Canadian chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, and is chairman of the U.S. Immigration/Free Trade Committee of the Canadian Bar Association — Immigration Section.)

Israel's fast food industry thrives

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Israelis have long been waiting for McDonalds and their Messiah, but — despite periodic reports about their impending arrival — neither has so far shown up in the Holy Land.

Yet even without the famous golden arches of McDonalds, people in this country don't lack for hamburgers. There are already several chains in operation, with pride of place going to a local firm, Burger Ranch. Started by former South Africans, it now has 49 franchised outlets with a total annual turnover of some $25 million. They all purvey roughly the same array of goodies, though some are kosher and others are not. This means that only in the latter can you get a milk shake with your hamburger.

No one chain dominates the pizza field here. However, Pizza Hut, the Pepsi subsidiary which started up in Israel only a few months ago, is doing particularly well, as is another recent arrival from the States, Domino Pizza.

The success of culinary imports notwithstanding, Middle Eastern foods remain the first choice of young people, who in the Jewish State, as elsewhere, determine the economic sucess of fast-food outlets. So far most of those who sell shashlik, kebab and felafel are individual entrepreneurs, with just one stand or restaurant.

But franchising has also come to this sphere, particularly with the appearance of the Nargila chain several years ago. It already has some 30 outlets, and new franchises, still being handed out, cost an average of $75,000 each.

Nargila has come to the fore primarily because of the public relations flair of its founder, Nari Avneri. Among other things, he has garnered reams of free publicity by draping nude women all over his menus (though he also has standard menus for older patrons).

Now Avneri is going to see whether the same formula that works in Israel will also be effective in the United States. His first outlet will be in New York, and then, all being well, he will open up elsewhere in the States.

Burger Ranch, moving in the opposite direction, will soon be merchandising its products in Szekszard, Hungary, not far from the border with Yugoslavia. Burger Ranch General Manager Barry Scop says that his company has taken a deliberate decision to out-race the major hamburger firms to the Hungarian hinterland, rather than choosing Budapest, where most of the international giants have already begun doing business.

Still more far-sighted (or foolish) is Israel's Apropo Coffee House chain, which plans to establish branches in Moscow. Apropo owner Nahi Laor is attracted by the fact that a relatively small initial investment is required. He points out, for example, that a chair costing him $100 in Israel can be obtained for only $3 or $4 in Russia.

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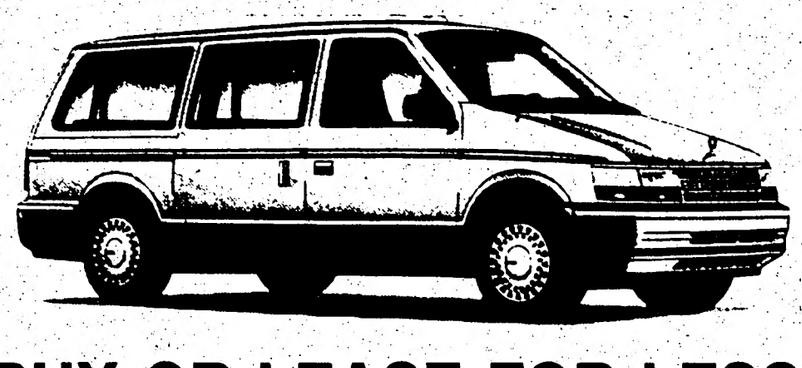
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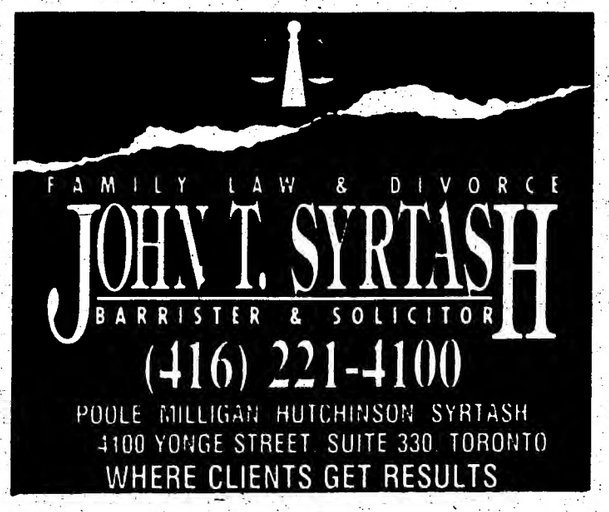
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TORONTO —

Shoppers can save money by clipping coupons, buying in bulk and looking for specials. But they probably won't save a lot of money until they take an organized approach to reducing grocery costs.

Smart-shopping experts at Ontario's Consumer Ministry say consumers who want to cut their grocery bills should begin by taking stock of their current spending habits.

"Knowing what you're buying now, how much that's costing you and which purchases you're wasting will help you start a budget that works," says Marilyn Gurevsky, a manager at the ministry's Consumer Services Bureau. "It will mean more money in your wallet at the end of every month."

To calculate current spending, save all your receipts for several weeks. If you think you're spending too much on groceries, the information on those receipts can help you in two ways.

First, calculate how much you spend on each grocery category. These include basic foods, convenience foods, non-edibles (cleansers, detergents and paper products) and pet supplies. Look at ways of reducing costs in each category.

For example, you can often replace some convenience foods with less-expensive basic ones. However, experts say most shoppers can most easily save money with non-edible products.

"Look for items with lower unit prices, and check local discount and bulk stores to help reduce bills for non-edibles," says Gurevsky.

You can also save money by reducing the number of grocery items you waste. Experts say consumers may throw out from five to 20 percent of the groceries they buy. Usually this happens when they buy items because they're on sale, but they really don't need them. Another reason for high-wastage is overbuying fresh produce.

As the next step in preparing your budget, group together those items you buy regularly and the brand names you prefer. If you can remember buying anything you didn't plan on, make note of it — becoming aware of impulse buying will help you curb it.

Compare the prices of your favorite brands at several stores. Then take the time to look at the prices and ingredient lists of competing products.

You may be surprised to discover that the prices of goods with generic labels may be far lower than brand-name products in one instance and almost identical in the next.

Make up a list of alternative products you want to try, and take it with you when you next go shopping.

This list should be used together with a weekly menu to help you plan to shop the specials and use coupons. Don't prepare it all at once just before you leave for the store. Write it over the course of the week, as appealing meals occur to you.

Wwith the list of product names you want to buy, menu and coupons in hand, you're ready.

When you go shopping, keep these tips in mind.

✔It's true — never shop on an empty stomach. You'll find the appeal of say, fresh-baked bread irresistable and end up buying much more than you need.

✔Plan to buy enough of everything so you don't have to shop often. Making fewer trips to the store reduces impulse buying.

✔Whenever possible, shop alone. Children and spouses encourage impulse buying.

Software package to aid fundraisers

TORONTO —

New, cutting-edge computer technology is being developed for fundraising by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, the federation's fundraising arm.

The software package will enable fundraising organizations to instantly access and cross-reference information with a few keystrokes, simplifying the tasks of canvassing and keeping track of donors. The program, called Campaign Builder+, will be marketed to Jewish federations world-wide.

The program is designed to replace the JFED package, the software currently used by many major Jewish federations for fundraising and related accounting functions. JFED was developed in the 1970s by the Kansas City Federation in cooperation with Quality Software, Inc. (QSI) of Dallas. The program has been adopted by 75 major Jewish federations.

According to Ted Sokolsky, associate campaign director, what makes the new software unique is that it can be tailored to meet the various needs of any fundraising campaign.

Although JFED was in the forefront of technology when it was first developed, says Sokolsky, the federations have become more sophisticated in their needs and have added additional campaigns to their rosters. And as computers have become more a part of everyday life, the need to upgrade the system became a priority.

With a database of 70,000 names, Toronto's federation is the biggest current user of the system. Because of changing economics, computer technology and campaign strategies, Sokolsky says, "Toronto needs software to take us into the next millennium."

Because of the size of its database and its needs, Toronto assumed responsibility in overseeing the development of the system.

"We hope to be able to market the product to other federations in North America and around the world," says Sokolsky. "We see a market for the non-Jewish world, too. This will be the leading product in fundraising for the world."

The new system can track profiles of donors as well as individual families, businesses, communities and professional associations. It has the ability to cross-reference different contributors in as many ways as possible in order to find a proper "match" for the canvass.

By calling up a name, a grouping, a profession or other information on the system, a personal canvass can be customized for each individual contributor.

Eventually, the software will have the ability to be loaded onto a PC. Currently it's designed for mainframe systems that have one brain centre to feed information to its users' terminals.

"The current system was designed without much thought for the user's ability to modify or adapt the system except with the involvement of a programmer," says John Polley, creator of Campaign Builder+.

Polley, 32, is a resident of Texas who has been spending months working on the system in Toronto, flying back and forth and visiting other federations in between. He explains that the New York City-based Council of Jewish Federations wanted a unified approach.

"The current system is a bit old and outdated," says Polley. "Fundraising hasn't changed dramatically, but the current system is not flexible, responsive or dynamic enough."

When the Operation Exodus campaign began several years ago, all Jewish federations were basically required to go to QSI and pay for modifications to the system, which was ill-equipped to handle Operation Exodus on its own.

"It's a project that's been talked about for years," explains Polley. "A new campaign, such as Operation Exodus in our case, caused us to redirect our thinking and emphasis." Hence the creation of Campaign Builder+.

"Campaign Builder+ is full-featured," Poley notes, adding that "flexibility's been designed into the system. We've tried to eliminate the need for costly programming changes and modifications that might be required for regular, ongoing changes in the operating environment, such as a new campaign.

"Those types of changes shouldn't require a technical person to come in and rework the software," he says. "Within the federation, the fundamental reporting and data gathering are the same. The software can be adapted by different communities and tailored to the way they run their campaign — not make them change their campaign to conform to the system.

"There's not a federation in North America that wouldn't look to Toronto for this kind of technology," says Polley.

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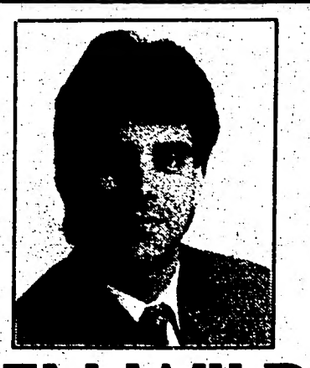

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YONGE/ROYAL ORCHARD — $265,000. Reduced to sell, beautiful 3 bdrm. townhouse, VTB 1st. Newly renovated, 2 firepl.
ST. CLAIR/CHRISTIE — $169,900 Det., 3 bdrm, fin. bsmnt., dbl. drive.
JANE/LAWRENCE — $199,900 8 unit home, $3,900 income.
ST. CLAIR/CALEDONIA — $183,000 Charming 2 family home.

LESLIE-GREENLANE — $559,900. SPECTACULAR 4 BDRM., MN. FLR. FAM. RM. & DEN, $$$ IN EXTRAS, CIRCULAR DRIVE, POOL-SIZED FENCED YARD, SAUNA & JACUZZI. MUST BE SEEN!
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BAYVIEW/16TH — STUNNING HOME!
5,500 sq ft of ultimate luxury! Fin lower, extras galore! Dream home! Anna Pollack/Ann Kamin 226-1987.

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Sprawling bungalow, 3 yrs newly blt, 4 bdrm, fin lower, fab lot. A. Pollack/A. Kamin 226-1987.

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$484,500 — Charming 4 bdrm res, fin lower, quiet court! Ann Kamin/Anna Pollack 226-1987.

BUY NOW SELL LATER! 103 x 428 FT
Fab value in Richmond Hill, walk to Yonge, sever into 4 lots! $398,000. D. Baldacchin 226-1987.

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Fabulous lot plus bungalow. A must to sell! Anna Pollack/Ann Kamin 226-1987.

LESLIE/SHEPPARD T.HOME $224,900
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THORNHILL L[SOLD]ON'T MISS IT!
Bathurst/Steeles. 3+1 bd[SOLD]eauty w/fin bsmt, steps to TTC. Won't last! Wayne Kahn 886-1988.

CHARMING THORN[SOLD]DET. $202,000
Bathurst/Steeles. Walk to [SOLD]geous 3 bdrm with finished bsmt. Wayne Kahn 886-19[SOLD].

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ALLENBY — $375K!
This totally updated 3 bdrm Tudor style home with 28 ft. frontage offers lovely panelling throughout; renovated white kitchen; 2 full baths; fully finished basement and newly landscaped front lawn. Ramon Tsur.

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$439K. "Prime Allenby" + walk to subway. Refreshing reno! Det. 2 stry. on exquisite treed Sth. lot w/priv. dr. & att. gar. 3 + 1 BR. New high tech kit. & main flr. fam. rm. Oversized 5 pce., 2 f/p's.

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Reduced $50K. Bathurst/Sheppard. Contemporary ranch bungalow. Rare 4 bdrm., den, ea. in kitchen, 3 baths, rec room, bsmnt. apt.

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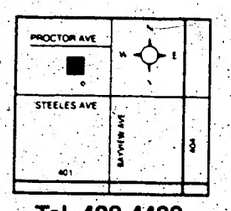

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- Glencairn subway 1-2-3 bdrm. $149,000 to $198,000 — indoor pool, sauna, parking. Shabbat elev.
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3 bdrm. townhouse, new broadloom. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Vacant 3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., near all amenities. David Kadis, 731-7111.

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3 bdrm., master ensuite, super financing! $204,900. Lucy Melamud, 731-7111.

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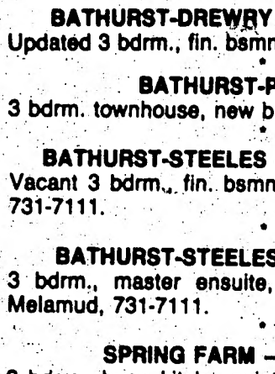
BATHURST-DREWRY — CUSTOM BUILT 4 BDRM.
Approx. 3,700 sq. ft., bsmnt. apt., extras, $609,000. Lucy Melamud, 731-7111.



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GREENLANE & LESLIE
$545,000 — Det 4 bdrm family roopm, main floor den, fin bsmt with nanny's room. Marble floors, new white custom kitchen. 10 +++

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$599,900 — Magnificent ranch bungalow backing onto ravine. Cathedral ceilings, 3+2 bedrooms, main floor family room. Walkout bsmt, huge principal rooms.

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- **7420 BATHURST.** 2 bd., corner $209,900. G. Goldring, 731-7111.
- **PRIMROSE.** Great view. $212,000. Perry Waisglass, 731-7111.
- **133 TORRESDALE.** 3 bd. $209,900. Susan Hochman, 731-7111.
- **YONGE/CLARK.** 2 bd. $169,900. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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6 Condominiums For Sale

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7 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst across Baycrest Hospital. Luxury 2 bedroom. Decorated. 2 bath. $900. 789-9323 after 6pm. 9302

9 Condominiums Wanted

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13 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Wilson - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Living, dining. Heating, A.C., electricity, garage, cable included. $950. 1st floor. 789-2733. 9353

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Ice skating duo mark 13 years as a team

By
MARVIN GLASSMAN

TORONTO —
Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers are not the only American dance teams to be acknowledged as the greatest of all time.

Before the Ducheneys of France dazzled the world at the 1992 Olympic Games, an American ice dance team made their mark in figure skating during the 1980s.

The names are familiar to ice dancing fans. Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, often called the Fred and Ginger of ice dance, made their second appearance in two years at Maple Leaf Gardens recently. Their stunning performances reminded fans why they have been acclaimed by figure skating experts as the greatest ice-dancing team ever produded in North America.

The duo once again joined 1988 Olympic gold medal winners Brian Boitano and Katerina Witt in a 15-city, four-month tour called Chrysler Skating '92.

This year's ice show featured the skating duo in *Artistry In Rhythm*, a six-minute program featuring the jazz music of Duke Ellington and elegant costumes of the 1940s.

"*Artistry In Rhythm* is a romantic dance number with the fast pace of jazz. It's something brand new for us and the audiences on the tour have been dazzled with the number," said Seibert, who doubles as assistant director in the show.

The duo showed their versatility in teaming with three other numbers of the cast. The most memorable was Blumberg being lifted and carried by all the male skaters in a number called *Judy and her Escorts* featuring the music of *In The Still of the Night* by Helen O'Connell.

Blumberg and Seibert are currently celebrating a figure skating bar mitzvah — 13 years of performing excellence on ice since they first teamed in the fall of 1978. On their road to maturity, Blumberg-Seibert were five-time U.S. National Ice Dancing Champions (1980-84), twice members of the U.S. Olympic team (1980 and 1984), three-time world professional bronze medalists (1986-88), twice World Cup Dance Champions (1988-89) and World Professional Dance Champions (1988).

"The most amazing thing is that Judy and Mike keep getting better and better," said Rob McBrien, who coached the duo from 1987-89. "Their skating is characterized by a flowing style, incredible speed and a creative use of dance techniques. Their command of the [skate] edges sets them apart from other dancers. Most skaters are floor dancers on ice. Judy and Mike are pure skaters who are innovative dancers," added McBrien.

Judy Blumberg's background is somewhat uncommon for a figure skater. Growing up in the land of Sunkist oranges, where children dream of becoming Hollywood stars and ice is seen only in soft drinks, Judy took up skating after a neighborhood birthday party in 1967.

"Growing up in Los Angeles, combined with the fact that nobody else in my family ever laced skates, made me a bit unusual," laughed Blumberg. "I was always fascinated by dancers and skaters. I first tried skating solo. Then, I tried skating with a number of other dancers. Nothing really clicked for me until I started skating with Mike in 1978."

She and Seibert dared to innovate on the road to becoming national ice dancing champions in 1980. "We were prepared to do that 'something extra' that would set us apart from other American ice dancers. We worked with members of the American Ballet Theatre to improve our creativity," said Blumberg.

Blumberg-Siebert began a five-year reign as the king and queen of America's ice dancers, skating to the music of Rogers and Astaire to win their first national title in 1980. Like them, Blumberg and Seibert were elegant artists whose movements were clear and uncluttered. It was easy to lose sight of the fact that their artistry was performed on ice.

Not everything was smooth during Blumberg-Seibert's five-year reign as national champions. They failed to win a medal at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. England's Jane Torvil and Christopher Dean won the gold because they performed European classical ballet, winning high marks from the international judges. Blumberg-Seibert resolved to win a medal next time at the Olympics by appealing to the European judges.

They worked day and night to excel in classical ballet. In 1984, they were prepared finally to win an Olympic medal after earning their fifth consecutive national title. The duo appeared superb in their performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherezade* at the 1984 Olympics. They expected at least a bronze, conceding the gold to Torvil and Dean for their memorable *Bolero*.

But instead of a medal, they finished a disappointing fourth and never knew why. A Soviet couple won the bronze before 10,000 Yugoslav fans who booed and hissed when they heard the results.

In 1986 the duo turned professional and, free from the limitations of compulsory dances and routines, their work blossomed.

When not on tour, Blumberg works on her undergraduate degree at New York University. "I am excited about the challenges of school and living in Manhattan. University has opened me up to a whole new world that exists outside of figure skating. Michael and I are no longer putting in the 12 to 14 hours of daily training that we once needed and that's a relief," said Blumberg.

Despite their endurance for 13 years, it has to be questioned how much longer Blumberg and Seibert will perform on the ice. Seibert is directing new routines for the 15 skaters in the show and is developing a new career as a choreographer. Blumberg, now 35, enjoys school, talks about marriage and "a normal life" as well as a new career. Both ice dancers deny retirement, but the duo are heading in different career directions.

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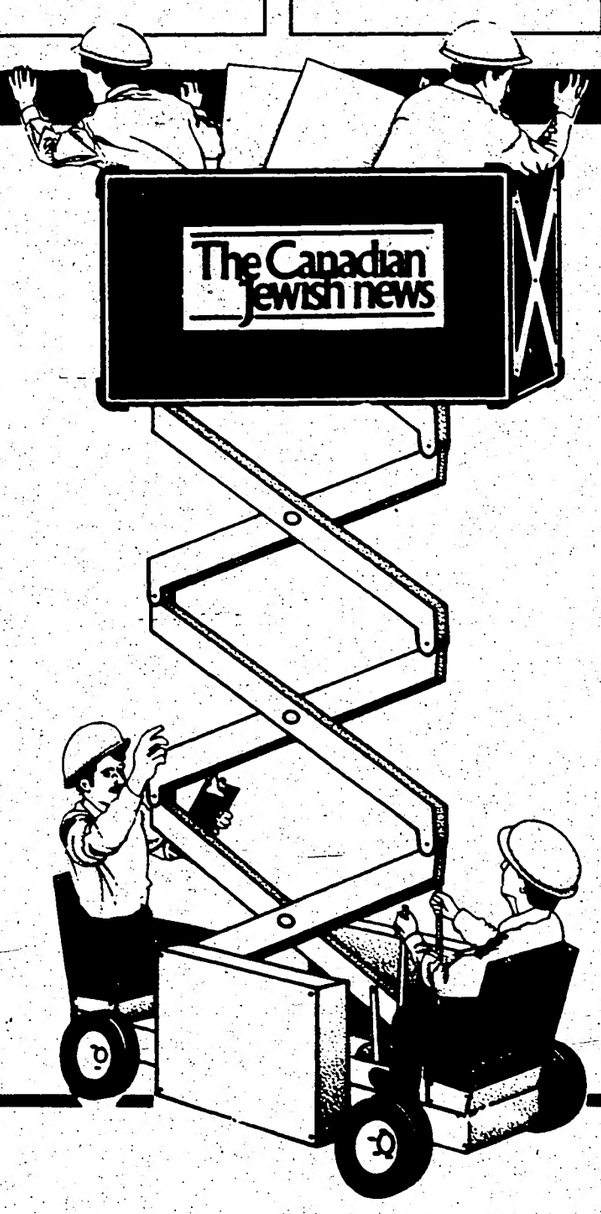

Christians urged to alter attitude

By
RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —
Christians must change their attitude toward Jews, and must acknowledge that Jews are entitled to a country of their own, according to Alan Lazerte, executive director of Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

Lazerte made a recent appearance at Beth Tzedec Synagogue to discuss his 10-year-old organization, whose members actively support Israel and encourage other Christians to do the same.

"We are on your side in all your causes," he said speaking to a mostly-Jewish audience. "Your people are entitled to a country on this planet, and we will support you in that," he said. "Our necks are fully extended for Israel."

Lazerte's is one of 77 organizations worldwide that is associated with the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. Together, these organizations have raised $20 million to help Jews in Ethiopia and Eastern Europe emigrate to Israel. Canadian Friends have launched a campaign to raise money for Israel in response to the Bush administration's reluctance to provide the Jewish state with $10 billion in loan guarantees.

Lazerte said many Christian leaders have resisted his efforts to enlist their support for Israel, yet he believes they're "theologically friendly" to the Jewish state. "The Bible plainly states that God will ... bring the Jews back to [Israel] from the four corners of the earth ..." he said. "We are trying to convince Christians that their Bible says you're coming home."

Christians involved with the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem are "sensitive to anti-Semitic murmuring," said Lazerte, who participated in the recent demonstration outside the U.S. Consulate in support of Jonathan Pollard, an American Jew accused of espionage.

"We are trying to change the attitudes of Christians toward Jews," he said, "but we can't move every mountain immediately."

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Food customs play key role

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

My family for generations has not eaten cabbage on Pesach.

That would not have been a subject of any significance whatsoever, except that I married a man for whom cabbage rolls were a traditional part of the holiday.

Aside from the usual "who is more observant, Pesach-wise" digs at each other, the situation did raise an interesting point: Pesach is a time when food customs assume a greater importance than at nearly any other time of the year.

We are all aware of the prohibition against any kind of leavening. This implies not just giving up bread, bagels and regular cake, anything made from the five species of grain considered chometz — wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt — but being careful about coming into any possible contact with leavening.

Ashkenazi Jews, that is, Jews from most parts of Europe, do not eat kitniyot, legumes, such as peas, corn, rice, mustard, sesame, millet, lentils, and soy, kidney, lima amd string beans.

This rule arose because flour, cereals and similar products can be made both from legumes and the five species. So, one might by mistake use flour to thicken a stew, thinking it was cornstarch.

Also, there are times when legumes and chometz are mixed together, such as rice flour mixed with wheat flour, when differentiation would be difficult if not impossible.

An extension of the prohibition of kitniyot is the necessity of eating dried fruits, such as prunes or apricots, only when under proper Passover supervision.

Flour or cornstarch is often used in the drying process, and in the gloves of the workers preparing the fruit.

Sephardim do not follow this custom, so happily feast on rice and soy-basted chicken as they please.

Incidentally, women, according to tradition, assume the rules their husbands follow. A woman whose parents came from Russia and who married a man from Morocco, is then allowed kitniyot.

Another custom, although not nearly so widespread, is that of not eating gebrocks.

Gebrocks, a Yiddish term, refers to food made of matzah products that are mixed with water, as would be the case with matzah balls, matzah kugels or most Passover cakes.

There are several explanations for this mainly (although not exclusively) chassidic custom. One of the most widely used is that it prevents accidental leavening.

Then there are what might be called "geographic" food customs, customs prevalent in the ethnic homeland, that have been carried over to the new world.

Leo Davids, chairman of the department of sociology at York University's Atkinson College, and Dan Michman, a Bar Ilan University professor now a visiting professor at University of Toronto, reminisced about Dutch Pesach customs.

The seder, they said, was often milchik, partly because eating meat so late was considered difficult, and partly because the emphasis was on eating matzah.

Michman remembers kilos of chocolate on Pesach. "We used to scrape chocolate and cheese, to get the crumbs. We used the crumbs as a spread on matzah, to make it easier to eat."

He also described kremzelech, a mixture of matzahs, raisins, milk, sugar, cinnamon, wine and eggs, which was then fried.

Many people do not eat garlic on Pesach. This is not, as one might think, to maintain affectionate family ties often strained to their limit in the chaos of Pesach preparations.

Some explanations are that farmers in Europe soaked their garlic in beer, or that garlic was planted among the wheat stalks.

My favorite is that the Yiddish word for garlic, knobel, is very similar to the word used for a kind of chometzdik souffle, and there might be confusion.

Now, about my cabbage.

It seems that several hundred years ago, the rabbi of the village in which my ancestors lived sent his shammes to buy him some cabbage for Pesach.

The farmer, who was finishing his lunch, picked up the knife with which he had just cut his bread, and cut the cabbage with that.

The rabbi ordered his congregants not to eat cabbage that Pesach.

And so, naturally, for ever after, descendents of those followers do not eat cabbage.

Although some of these customs may seem rather silly in 1992, I like to think that following them is a way to maintain a link with those past generations who carefully and lovingly maintained traditions in a time and place when it was a genuine struggle to do so.

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While fresh dates are always best for eating and cooking, many find that dried dates are equally good for cooking.

Date Omelet

4 eggs
4 very thin slices smoked salmon, cut in 1" (2½ cm) squares
4 dried dates, chopped coarsely
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp. butter
6 tbsp. seasoned tomato sauce

In a bowl, beat the eggs lightly with a fork. Add the salmon, dates, salt and pepper to taste, and stir well.

In a medium skillet, heat the butter, and when hot, pour in the egg mixture. Stir once and then let set lightly on the bottom. With the aid of a spatula, gently roll up the omelet. Transfer to a serving plate, heat the tomato sauce, and pour on the hot sauce over the omelet.

(Note: This recipe will serve 2. To prepare more, simply increase the ingredients proportionately, but do not cook more than 4 eggs in the same skillet at any time.)

Lamb and Date Tagine

¼ cup oil
1 lamb shoulder, about 3½ lbs. (1½ kg.), trimmed of fat, boned and cut into 1½" (4 cm) pieces
Salt to taste
1 tsp. black pepper
½ tsp. each turmeric, ground ginger, cinnamon and chopped garlic
2 medium onions, chopped finely
12 sprigs fresh coriander
Cayenne pepper to taste
¾ lb. (375 g.) dates, pitted
About ½ tsp. finely ground cinnamon

In a flameproof casserole, heat the oil and lightly brown the lamb on all sides. Add the salt, black pepper, turmeric, ground ginger, cinnamon, and garlic; toss and cook over a low flame for about 10 minutes. Add the onion, coriander, and 4 cups of water. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 1½ hours, adding water if necessary. By the end of the cooking, the meat should be very tender.

Spread the meat in a single layer in an ovenproof serving dish and distribute the dates in between the meat. Remove the coriander from the cooking liquids; correct the seasoning by adding cayenne pepper generously to make a spicy sauce. Pour this sauce over the meat and sprinkle with the cinnamon.

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Even though the sophisticated cuisines of Spain, Italy, southern France, and Greece owe much to their Bedouin visitors, the basic dining habits of the Bedouins have remained unchanged over time. Today, as then, the people eat foods that reflect their agricultural and pastoral roots.

Based on simple but careful preparation, the everyday diet of those Bedouin who continue to maintain a primarily nomadic way of life relies on bread and dates, mutton, goat, and occasionally camel meat, and the milk of these animals, along with the wild game and wild berries found in the desert. Despite this seeming simplicity, Bedouin cooking is often delicate, marvelously aromatic, and rich with natural flavors.

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Although Bedouin rules of dining etiquette vary considerably from those of most Western homes, they are no less refined and delicate. While some dishes are eaten out of a common bowl, each guest is expected to eat most of his or her dinner from the dish placed directly in front of him and only from the side of the dish nearest the body.

Even if full, one should occasionally nibble at the dish being served, for if one person stops eating everyone else may feel obligated to stop as well and the dish will be removed from the table. And, even though eating is done with the hands, you should not lick your fingers until the end of the meal, as this is taken as a sign that you have finished eating.

I was recently privileged to be invited to take part in a traditional chafla (celebratory feast) held in Israel's Negev desert area. I arrived at four in the afternoon, there to drink many cups of coffee and to pass several hours in reminiscences of days gone by, and then to partake of a meal that included several whole sheep and goats that had been cooked especially for the occasion. As in many such meals, the very first offering was a bowl of fresh herbs — parsley, mint, chives, dill, coriander, tarragon, and spring onions — with which to clean the palate and hone the appetite.

(Jerusalem Dateline Food)

Traditional dishes play an important role

By
RICHARD AMSTER

Traditional foods during our holidays are as important to us as the tradition and observance of the holiday itself. This is especially true during Passover when the restrictions on our food are perhaps the most evident.

Most of us probably tend toward the same particular menus during Pesach because of family tradition rather than a lack of desire to be creative or different. With this in mind, I have included below some slightly different ideas for meals during Passover with the hope that for those who seek it, a little variety will enhance the enjoyment of your holiday. Enjoy!

Try making your own gefilte fish for Pesach. The last time I was in Israel for the High Holidays I was served home-made gefilte fish, stuffed, and to this day it remains the best fish I have ever had.

Variety enhances holiday enjoyment

Gefilte Fish, Stuffed

For the Fish Stock:

a large diametered 3 qt. stock pot
margarine for sauteeing
½ carrot, finely diced
1 stalk celery, finely diced
1 large onion, sliced thin
3 lbs. whitefish or pike bones and scraps
a sachet bag (cheesecloth) tied with thread:
1 bay leaf
3-4 black peppercorns
6 parsley stems
1 clove
5-6 cups water
¼ cup white wine

For the Fish:

1½ lbs. whitefish
1½ lbs. pike
(the fish can be filleted or you can do this yourself and use the the bones and scraps for the stock above)
1 large onion cut into medium dice
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp. sugar
4 eggs beaten
matzo meal for binding
fish skins for wrapping the raw patties (optional)

Saute the chopped carrots, onion and celery in the margarine until soft and add the scraps. Allow the scraps to saute until they become opaque and begin to exude a little liquid.

Add the wine and continue to cook for another 5 minutes until most of the wine has evaporated. Add the sachet bag and the water and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce to a simmer.

To make the fish mixture, coarsely chop the fish. Do not use a food processor as this will make the fish too fine in texture. Combine with the onion, the sugar, salt and pepper, the eggs, and enough matzo meal to properly bind the mixture so that it can be shaped.

Shape the fish mixture into 8-10 patties. If using the skins for wraping, cut a thin strip of the skin and wrap the patty lengthwise with the skin. The skin does not have to completely cover the width of the patty. Using a small skewer or toothpick, attach the two ends of the skin.

Place the patties in the fish stock carefully, being sure not to disturb the skin. The stock should cover the fish almost completely.

Cover the pot and allow to simmer for 1 hour. Add more water to the stock if needed and continue to cook for another hour. Allow the fish to cool in the stock for a third hour and then remove the patties and refrigerate.

Strain the stock, saving the liquid to serve with the fish. After refrigeration it should congeal, providing the traditional jelly we are familiar with.

Garnish with thinly sliced carrot, or sliced hard boiled egg, horseradish, parsley or cilantro.

Passover Bagels

(makes about 1 dozen)

¼ cup oil
1¼ cup water
2½ cups matzo meal
5 eggs
salt to taste

Using a large heavy bottomed sauce pan, bring the oil and water to a boil and reduce the heat to a simmer. Add the matzo meal and the salt to the liquid all at once and stir vigorously, being careful not to burn the mixture, until the "dough" easily comes away from the sides of the pan. Remove from the heat.

Add the eggs, in thirds, beating well between additions. This can be done on a mixer with a paddle attachment, otherwise do by hand with a wooden spoon.

Using a meatball maker or an ice cream scoop or wet hands, form the dough into balls and place on a piece of parchment paper. Flatten and make a hole in the centre with your fingers. Expand the hole until the bagel shape is formed.

Bake the bagels in a 350 degree oven for between 30-45 minutes or until the bagels are firm and dry when opened. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

Matzo Brei

(serves 2)

4 pieces matzo
water for soaking
4 eggs, beaten well
¼ cup milk
salt and pepper to taste

Break the matzo into pieces. Soak the matzo in the water until soft and then strain and drain the matzo.

Add the matzo to the egg mixture (seasoned) allow to soak for a few minutes and cook in a greased skillet as you would for scrambled eggs. Turn to ensure both sides cook.

Serve with fruit preserves.

Vegetarian Frittata Variation:

As soon as the egg mixture begins to set in the skillet, add sliced mushrooms, diced tomato, sliced scallions, perhaps broccoli florets, and grated cheese for a matzo frittata. Serve with salsa.

Passover French Toast

Leftover Pesach sponge cake is the base for this normally non-Pesach breakfast. Serves 4.

4 slices stale Pesach sponge cake, about ½-¾" thick
3-4 eggs beaten well
½ cup milk
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. sugar

Combine the eggs, milk, cinnamon and sugar and mix well. Dip the sponge cake into the batter and fry in a greased skillet as you would for regular French toast, Serve with fruit preserves or syrup.

Passover Fruit Crisp

3 apples, cored, and cut into medium dice
2 bananas sliced into 1 inch discs
1 cup pitted prunes
1 small can sliced peaches
¼ cup sweetened shredded coconut
1 cinnamon stick
½ cup orange juice
3 cups matzo meal
1 cup sugar
½ stick margarine, melted

Combine the fruit and coconut and place in a glass or ceramic baking dish. Add the cinnamon stick and the orange juice. Combine the matzo meal, margarine and sugar in a large bowl and stir to combine well. Place the topping over the fruit being sure to cover all of the fruit. Make more topping if needed.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for ½ hour or until the fruit begins to bubble. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

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An assortment of cookies, brownies and cakes in all shapes and sizes will be available, according to Nathan Herzog, Kedem's vice president, national sales.

"All across America kosher consumers will now be able to enjoy Passover cakes that taste like the real thing," Herzog said. "We're excited to be able to add the high quality and respected tradition of Gruenebaum's bakeries to our family of food products."

With a variety of layered cakes including seven-layer, Chocolate Iced, Macaroon, Truffle, Mocha and Parisienne, Gruenebaum's offers great tasting pastries and cookies, such as chocolate leaf, which have been big sellers for years, Herzog added.

The Gruenebaum's Bakeries pastries will be available in supermarkets and specialty food stores throughout the United States and Canada.

Rakusen's Original English Matzos, a popular gourmet product for Passover in Great Britain for 100 years, will also be distributed by Kedem Food Products.

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"I continually receive letters from Americans who say they have tasted Rakusen's matzo and want to know how they can get it at home," said Leslie Fox, president of Rakusen's Ltd.

Kedem Food Products is a division of the Royal Kedem Wine Corporation, the world's largest importer and distributor of kosher wines, champagne and cordials. The division produces and/or distributes a variety of items including Kedem's popular grape juice and sparkling grape juice products as well as tea biscuits, crackers, wafers, gefilte fish and others. Kedem Food Products is based in Brooklyn, N.Y. For more information call (718) 384-2400.

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Peter Stern, master winemaker and international wine consultant, crafted the wine.

"This is a big and full Chardonnay," said Stern. "It has top notes of oak mixed with a Chardonnay aroma of lemon and ripe apple. The wine has a full-mouth feel with oak aftertaste and a dry finish."

Baron Herzog Sonoma County 1990 Zinfandel is the first kosher red Zinfandel.

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The Zinfandel was produced with long fermentation on the skins followed by aging in French oak barrels. The grapes were taken from old vines which produce low crops with intense raspberry/stemmy Zinfandel aroma.

The wine has a medium red color and complex bouquet. Herzog recommends drinking the wine either now or even after several years when the aging will result in a tea and chocolate bouquet that is part of older Zinfandel wines.

The Royal Kedem Wine Corporation imports and produces high quality wines, champagnes and spirits. The company distributes a wide range of popular wines including Baron Herzog (California), Herzog French, M & G Wines (France), Gamla (Israel), and Bartenura (Italy).

The Royal Kedem Wine Company recently announced a free guide detailing the proper use of wine at the Passover seder.

The guide, titled "The Four Questions Most People Ask About the Four Cups," provides answers to common questions about Passover wine consumption, including hints for estimating the amount of bottles and types of wine to buy.

The guide can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Royal Kedem Wine Company, 420 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

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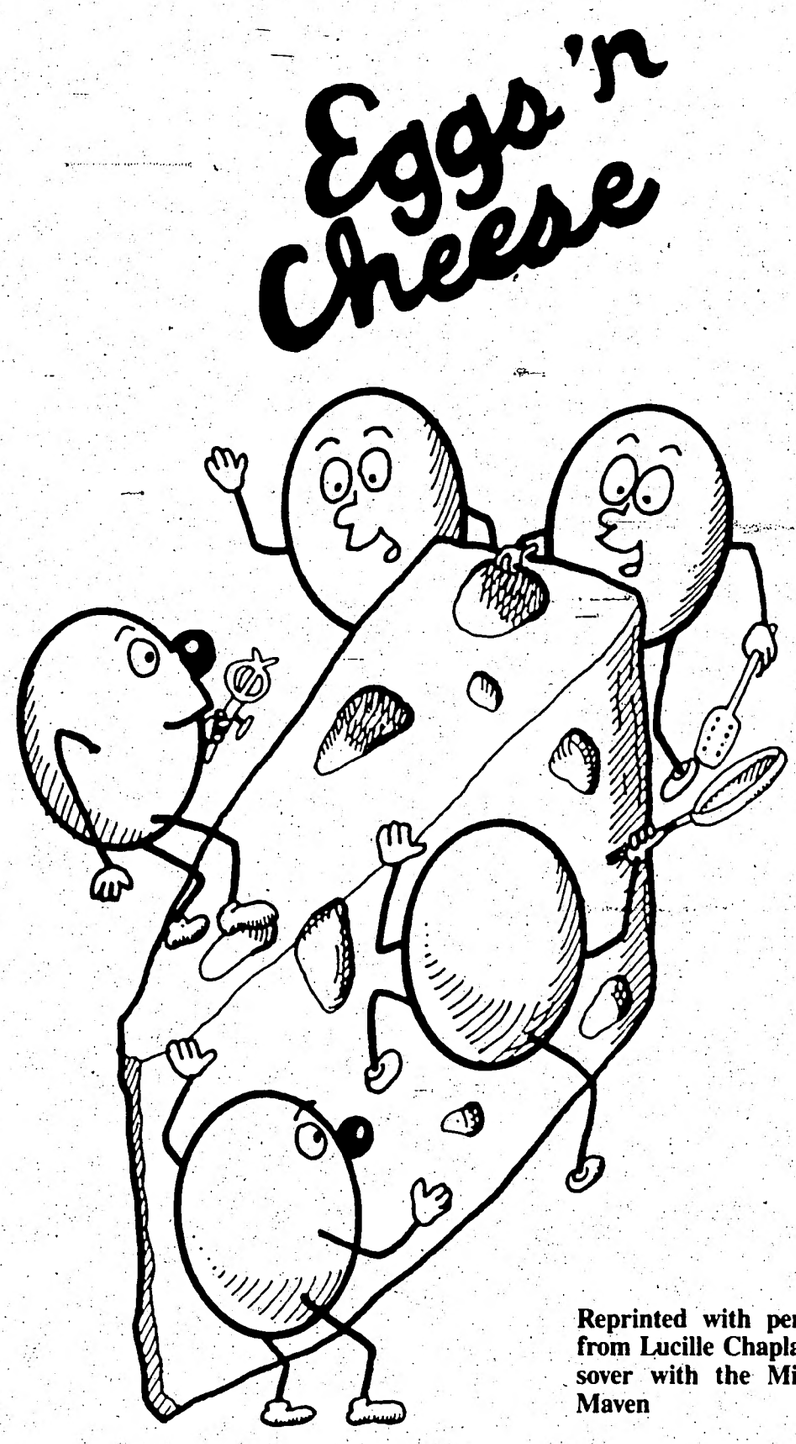

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Microwaves come easy for tots and teenagers

By
LUCILLE CHAPLAN

Children can enjoy being part of the preparation for Pesach, as well as consumers of your efforts, especially if you have a microwave oven.

Long before youngsters can be trusted with boiling pots and fat-spattering pans, they can learn to use the microwave oven. From tots to teens they take to it naturally.

After all, electronic devices have been part of their world all their lives, and unlike their parents, they don't have decades of conventional cooking habits which must be adapted to microwave rules.

The three recipes here are simple enough for children to make but may easily become family favorites.

PASSOVER CEREAL

For one serving:

1/4 cup Passover cereal
1 cup water or juice
⅓ cup milk

Plus (your choice): a handful or raisins, or 4 or 5 prunes or apricots cut in quarters with a scissors, or slices of apple or other fruit.

Topping (your choice): milk, sugar or honey, sprinkling of chopped nuts.

In 4-cup measure or large bowl, stir together cereal, water or orange juice, and dried or fresh fruit (if you are using fruit). Microwave uncovered, stirring every minute, until it thickens (2½-3½ minutes in most ovens). Cover and let stand 1 min.

Stir in ⅓ cup milk, then add your topping.

CHEESY EGG CUPS

Tips: Never try to microwave an egg in the shell. It will explode and be a terrible mess to clean-up. Eggs are cooked at 50 percent power when the yolk is not mixed with the white.

2 eggs
1/4 cup freshly grated cheddar cheese
a little butter to grease cups

Break an egg

Grease two microwave-safe custard cups. Break an egg into each cup. Don't worry if the yolk breaks. Prick the yolk of each egg gently with a fork, making sure the fork goes through the skin on the yolk.

Sprinkle half the cheese over each egg.

Microwave at 50 percent power for 2 min. If the cheese is not melted, cook at 50 percent power until it is, checking every 30 minutes. Allow to stand for 2 minutes. It will be very hot.

To cook one cheesy egg, grate half the quantity of cheese, and check for doneness after 1 minute.

FARFEL NIBBLES

3 egg yolks (refrigerate whites in a covered dish for other cooking uses)
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
cinnamon (a sprinkle)
1½ cups matzah farfel

In a medium sized bowl, combine egg yolks, oil, salt, sugar and cinnamon. Stir in farfel. Spread thinly on a large pie plate.

Cook at high, uncovered for 2 minutes.

Remove from oven. Turn mixture over, break it into pieces, return to oven and cook 3 to 4 more minutes, stirring every minute until the pieces are firm and dry. Large pieces can be broken up.

Allow to cool before serving.

Lucille Chaplan is the author of Passover with the Microwave Maven. She has been a microwave teacher and writer in Toronto for many years.

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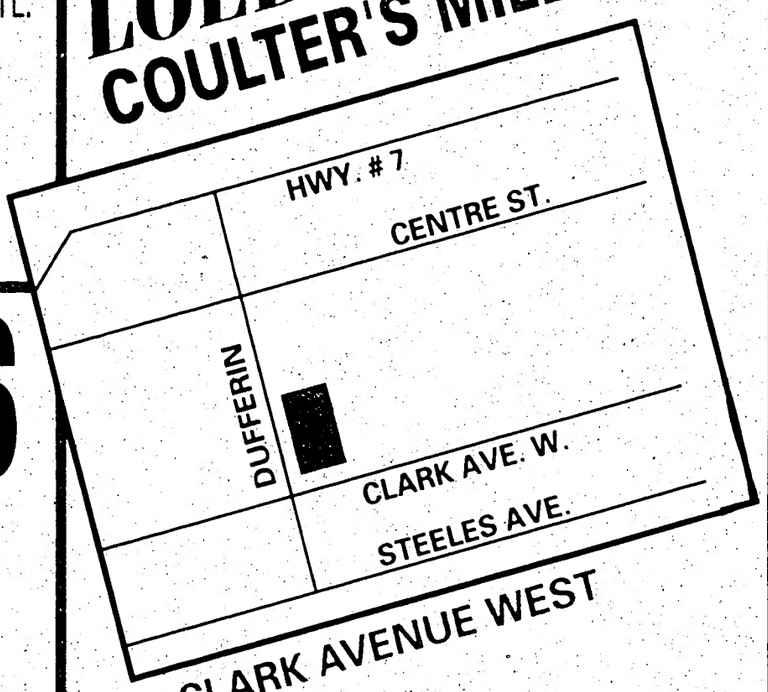

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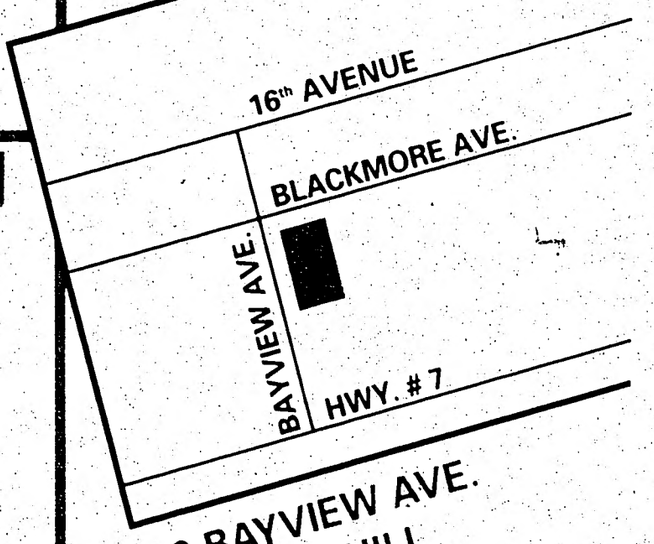

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Assay Alamud, a farmer originally from Gondar province in Ethiopia, picks mangoes even though he doesn't like their taste. He's sticking to kibbutz-grown oranges, familiar to him from his days in Ethiopia. (UJA Press Service photo)

In the recipe file ...

The Kosher Information Service of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress publishes a COR holiday information and recipe pamphlet for each major holiday.

Cynthia Gasner, the director of information and public relations, co-ordinates the information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth. Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner is the acting chairman of the Vaad and Yitz'hak Feldman is the chairman of the Kashruth Council.

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashruth and food-related information to thousands of families across Canada, the United States and as far as Israel and Europe says Rabbi Nachman Shemen, the Council's executive director.

Esther Schwartz, the Council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes. The recipes for Passover 1992-5752 include fruit salad with wine sauce, stuffed acorn squash, stuffed veal shoulder, sweet and sour eggplant, avocado-lettuce salad and mixed dried fruit bars.

Here are some recipes from this year's Passover flyer.

Sweet And Sour Eggplant

Serves 8.
(Serve as first course or side dish)
2 lbs. eggplant peeled, diced
Salt

Sprinkle salt over eggplant. Let drain in colander for one hour. Rinse and squeeze out excess moisture.

3 tbsp. oil
1 large garlic, crushed
2 cans tomatoes (cut tomatoes into small pieces)
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
¼ cup lemon juice
2 tbsp. kosher l'Pesach white wine
3 tbsp, sugar
¼ tsp. pepper

Heat oil in heavy skillet. Saute the onion and garlic until soft and golden. Add the eggplant and fry until golden, add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat for 20 minutes or until eggplant is tender. serve hot or cold.

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Mixed Dried Fruit Bars

Yield 25 squares

Preheat oven to 350 F.
1 cup cake meal
¾ cup potato starch
¼ cup sugar
½ cup hard margarine

Sift together the dry ingredients. Cut in margarine until mixture resembles crumbs. Pat down in an 8-inch or 9-inch square pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden. Cool.

Filling:
1 package mixed dried fruit
1 package dried apricots
¼ cup water
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. kosher l'Pesach liqueur
Sift together:
1½ tbsp, cake meal
4 tbsp, potato starch
¼ tsp. salt

Wash dried fruits well, cut into slivers and cook in water for 5 minutes over low heat. Cool. Beat eggs slightly; add sugar gradually and beat until thick and lemon colored. Add liqueur. Add sifted dry ingredients, mixing only until flour disappears. Fold in cooled fruit, distributing throughout batter. Pour over cooled base and bake for 35 minutes or until done. Cool. Cut into squares. Freezes well.

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Here are the names of the manufacturers and their products and the services for Passover 1992-5752 from their flyer.

Baked Goods: Carmel Bakery, Hermes Bakery.

Beverages: Canada Dry Bottling Co. Ltd. - Club Soda, Gingerale; Coca-Cola Ltd. - Coca-Cola Classic, Diet Coke; Pepsi Cola Canada Ltd. - Pepsi, Diet Pepsi; Pop Factory - Cola, Gingerale, Orange, Reinhart Seltzer and Cream Soda.

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Honey and Sugar: Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd.; Redpath Sugars.

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Fish Markets: Finkelstein's; Food City; Gershon's Fish Market; Hartman's; H. Perl (Promenade); Sunnybrook Foods Ltd.

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Caterers and Take-out Foods: Adath Israel - Adath Catering; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda - Zuchters Creative Catering; Beth Sholom - Malmar Fine Foods; Beth Tzedec - Caterers York and Sweet York Desserts; B'nai Torah - Miriam's Table; Shaarei Tefillah-Rose Lazar Catering Services; Kosher Meats & Treats; L'echaim Caterers; H. Perl; Peter Graben Caterers; Rachel's Catering; Stroli's; Tastefully Yours; Yossi's Fine Foods; Zuchter's (at Sunnybrook).

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Poultry: Chai Kosher Poultry Inc.; Marvid Poultry Packers; Empire Frozen Poultry.

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Wines: Wines, brandies, liqueurs and other such beverages certified by recognized rabbinical authorities are permissible. The label must indicate that the bottle has been prepared kosher l'Pesach: Galilee Wine Co.; Grafstein Wine; Mazel Wines.

Public institutions: Kitchens of the institutions listed below have been prepared for Pesach by mashgichim under the direction and instruction of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, in accordance with the requirements of Passover. They are: Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (Baycrest Hospital, Baycrest Terrace, Jewish Home for the Aged, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre); The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living (which holds a second seder for the Association of Jewish Seniors); Lincoln Place; The Mount Sinai Hospital (kosher l'Pesach meals on request).

It is important to note that COR is not supervising any fruit juice production this Passover.

For additional information, call the Kosher Information Service, Kashruth Council (416) 635-9550.

Wines satisfy every palate

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

The myth that kosher wines are thick, red and sweet has been shattered.

Although some people still prefer sweet, red, sacramental wines for Passover, today, the vineyards of Israel produce a large variety of red and white wines which can suit just about every palate.

The Galilee Wine Company is agent for Carmel Wines which come from the great wine cellars at Richmond Le-Zion and Zichron Ya'akov — each more than a century old.

Carmel has the largest wine making facilities in the country and all Carmel wines are kosher throughout the year and for Passover.

Wines, brandies and liqueurs must be certified by a recognized rabbinical authority to be permissible for Passover. Carmel Wines are approved by the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth (COR) under the supervision and certification of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

The familiar symbol of Israel and Carmel is Joshua and Caleb, who are sent to Canaan to reconnoiter the country. They carry back a giant bunch of grapes on a pole.

At recent testing of kosher wines in Toronto and Ottawa, Carol Slatt of Lorac Wine, who is a partner with Claude Abrams in Galilee Wine, presented the new packaging and new labels for Carmel products. She also spoke of the newest addition to the Carmel family of wines, Brut Reserve Cuvee — Methode Champenoise, a Galil extra dry sparkling wine which will soon be available throughout the country.

Along with the traditional sacramental wines and brandies, Carmel's Richon 777 is now back in Canada and available in liquor stores.

Slatt says that Passover is a "great time" to try new Israeli wines. "And more and more gourmet cooks are using wines to create exciting recipes. Many Passover recipes with wine and brandy are available this year.

She says that the Armadeus lines of liqueurs from Carmel — peach, orange, armaretto and coffee — are "ideal flavors for your desserts, for your flambes and for delicious sipping after dinner."

Carmel has introduced for export dry white and red wines under the Vineyards and Selected labels. "These fine wines compare to the best wines in France and Italy," she notes.

Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and the new Fume Blanc are some of the Carmel wines that are distinguished with this new designation.

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Helping fellow Jews considered mitzvah

By
LUCILLE CHAPLAN

The brown paper bag we found in our *CJNs* last week is part of a Jewish attitude that sometimes baffles our non-Jewish neighbors.

For us, giving is not charity, but mitzvah — obligation. Simply put, we are responsible for other members of the family and our family extends through our congregation, our community, Israel and on out through Jewish communties anywhere else in the world.

In earlier days, Passover preparations began right after Purim when the rabbi, accompanied by community leaders, visited every Jewish home and any family not needing help for Passover was expected to give.

In the Passover food drive, Toronto's varied Jewish population work together to fulfil our basic Jewish commitment in a tremendous and wonderful joint effort.

The Toronto Board of Jewish Education collects food and cash donations from schools and synagogues, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and the Jewish Family and Child Service find and list the families, singles and seniors who are in need of Passover assistance, and the whole operation is co-ordinated by the National Council of Jewish Women who offer space, and find and organize volunteers to pack and deliver the boxes.

Last year they distributed 2,000 boxes. This year, they will need more — more money to buy additional food when contributions are all used, and more volunteers, especially for deliveries on Sunday, April 12. If you can spare dollars, time or the use of your car, call 633-5100.

Our own holiday celebration can be enriched by the introduction of Passover recipes from other traditions. Microwave cooking gives traditional taste at electronic speed.

Sephardim from many countries serve slightly different versions of a charoset based on a paste of cooked dates or dates and raisins. Sometimes added are sweet red wine, cinnamon, and finely chopped walnuts or almonds. The nuts are sometimes included and sometimes sprinkled on top.

This version can also be used for a jam-type spread which is thick enough for a cookie or cake filling.

The tzimmis is a traditional Ashkenazi winter vegetable dish made special by the addition of wine and fruit. It tastes better prepared a day ahead.

DATE CHAROSET

½ lb. dates, chopped
3/4 cup warm water
2 tbsp. sweet red wine
1 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ cup finely chopped walnuts

Soak dates in water 1 hour.

Bring to boil uncovered, high power, and simmer until very soft, 4 to 6 minutes, stirring and mashing twice.

Puree just until smooth. Add wine, lemon juice and cinnamon and mix well. Stir in walnuts, a tablespoon at a time, until desired thickness is reached. Extra walnuts may be sprinkled on the top.

SWEET POTATO AND APPLE TZIMES

3 large sweet potatoes
3 medium apples
6 oz. pitted prunes (18 - 20)
½ cup sweet red wine
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup sugar, or to taste
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ginger (opt.)
2 tsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. salt

In a small bowl, combine wine, water and prunes. Bring to a boil, cover and allow to stand.

Bake potatoes until nearly soft (6 - 8 min.) Wrap them in a towel. Peel, core and coarsely chop apples.

In a 3-qt. casserole, combine prune mixture, apples, sugar, cinnamon, ginger and lemon juice. Peel, cube and add potatoes and salt. Mix gently and cook covered, at high power, 5 min. Stir and cook 3 min., 70 percent power.

If potatoes are not soft, continue cooking at 70 percent power. Taste and adjust salt if necessary.

Lucille Chaplan is the author of Passover with the Microwave Maven. She has been a microwave teacher and writer in Toronto for many years.

Cucumber salad refreshes

CUCUMBER AND TOMATO RIBBON SALAD

Now that spring is here, you can use Ontario cucumbers for a refreshing salad. This fresh-tasting salad from Foodland Ontario will look impressive without being costly.

3 unpeeled cucumbers
6 large tomatoes
3 green onions
1/4 cup Passover vegetable oil
3 tbsp. wine vinegar
½ tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. each oregano and marjoram
Generous pinches salt and pepper
½ tsp. sugar (opt.)

To make cucumber ribbons, slice unpeeled cucumber in half lengthwise. Scoop out any seeds. Using a vegetable peeler, peel long thin slices of cucumber from one side of the cucumber half. Repeat on the other side.

Once all the white pulp has been peeled off, discard any remaining peel. Repeat with remaining cucumbers. If preparing ahead, place cucumbers in a sieve, set over a bowl and refrigerate.

Seed and coarsely chop unpeeled tomatoes. Thinly slice onions. Whisk together oil, vinegar and seasonings into a large bowl; add tomatoes and onions; stir until coated. Add sugar if desired.

If not using right away, it can be left at room temperature for 2 or 3 hours or refrigerated.

Just before serving serving, arrange nests of cucumber ribbons on 8 small individual plates. Spoon drained tomato vinaigrette into centre of each. Serves 8.

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Vegetable borscht

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Cooled borscht can be covered and stored in the refrigerator for up to 2 days. To freeze, pack into containers leaving 1-inch (2.5 cm) headspace. For the best results and to save energy, let frozen soup thaw in the refrigerator compartment on the day you plan to use it.

3 unpeeled beets
⅓ cup butter or parve margarine
1½ cups coarsely chopped onions
1 can (28 oz/796 mL) whole tomatoes
4 cups beef stock (or parve instant beef bouillion)
5 medium potatoes, peeled
1 tsp caraway seeds
1 cup coarsely diced carrots
1 cup coarsely diced rutabaga
Salt
3 cups finely sliced green cabbage
2 cups finely sliced red cabbage
2 tsp dried dillweed
Pepper
Yogurt (opt.)

Keep roots and stems intact, rinse beets thoroughly under running water; set aside.

In Dutch oven or large saucepan melt half of the butter over medium heat; cook onions until softened and translucent. Add tomatoes, breaking up with fork. Add stock, beets, 4 of the potatoes and caraway seeds; bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. Remove potatoes to bowl; mash until smooth and set aside.

Cook for 15 to 20 minutes longer or until beets are cooked through. Remove beets and place under cold running water; slip off skins. Grate into bowl and set aside.

Return mashed potatoes to pan, stirring until blended. Cut remaining potato into large dice; add to pan along with carrots, rutabaga, grated beets and 1 tsp (5mL) salt. Cover and simmer gently until diced vegetables are cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt remaining butter or margarine in large skillet. Add green cabbage and cook until color brightens; stir into soup and cook, uncovered, for 3 minutes. Add red cabbage and dillweed to soup; cook for 3 minutes or just until cabbage is tender-crisp. Taste and add more salt if desired and pepper. Ladle into warmed soup bowls and dollop with yogurt if desired. Makes about twelve 1½ cup (375 mL) servings.

Communal seders set for around Toronto

TORONTO —

A number of communal seders will be held in and around Metro prior to and during Passover.

Women of Interfaith Dialogue, under the auspices of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, will hold a pre-Passover "feminist seder" on April 7 at 15 Hove St. in Downsview at 7.30 p.m. Women and men are invited to the abbreviated seder, which will feature samples of ritual foods. For information, call 941-9356.

Temple Kol Ami in Richmond Hill is holding an evening of Passover workshops and celebrating the seder on Saturday, April 11 at Leo Baeck Day School (34 Kenton Dr., Downsview) at 8 p.m. Discussion and songs will be led by Rabbi Nancy Wechsler and other temple members. There is no charge but reservations are required. Call 665-5912 or 889-2105.

The Reena Foundation will hold its annual Reena Family Seder on Sunday, April 12 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue (3080 Bayview Ave.) beginning at 7 p.m. Call 787-0131 for information.

Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue (3600 Bathurst St.) will host its annual traditional Orthodox seder on Friday, April 17 at 8.30 p.m. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Moshe Stern and Cantor Chaim Weiner. Family tables may be arranged. Reservations must be made by calling 787-1631.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue (2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill) will hold a traditional seder, led by Rabbi Howard Markose, on Friday, April 17. Services will start at 6.30 p.m. with the seder to follow. Call 889-4975 for details.

The North JCC (7015 Leslie St., Thornhill) will host a seder, mainly for singles, at 8.15 p.m. on April 17. Call 889-0813 for reservations.

The Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto continues its annual tradition of hosting seders in private homes for newly-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. For information, call 631-5680.

The Jewish Russian Community Centre will host seders for Russian speaking immigrants. The first will start at 8.30 p.m.; the second at 9 p.m. Both will be held at B'nai Torah Synagogue (465 Patricia Ave., Willowdale). For information, call 665-9600.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue (2640 Bayview Ave.) will host a seder, open to non-members, on April 18 at 8.30 p.m. Call 229-2600.

The Lubavitch Centre (770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill) will host both seders, the first to be an "Israeli" seder. Call 731-7000.

Temple Emanu-El (120 Old Colony Rd.) will have a seder on April 18 beginning at 5.30 p.m. Priority will be given to members. Call 449-3880.

The Association of Jewish Seniors will host a seder on April 18 at 8.30 p.m. at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living (1003 Steeles Ave. W.). Call 635-2860 for reservations.

The Bloor JCC (750 Spadina Ave.) will present a traditional seder on April 18 at 8:15. Call 924-6211.

Solel Congregation (2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga) will have a seder on April 18 at 6 p.m., open to non-members. Call 820-5915.

The Terrace, part of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, will host both seders, the first beginning at 5.30 p.m. on April 17, the second starting at 8.30 p.m. the following night. Call 785-2477.

Chutzpah, Toronto's organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews, will hold its annual seder on Saturday, April 18 at 117 Gerrard St. E. beginning at 7 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required. Call the Chutzpah phone line at 925-1408.

Beth Tzedec Synagogue (1700 Bathurst St.) is hosting a seder open to non-members on April 18, beginning at 8:45 p.m. Call 781-3511 for details.

Har Tikvah Congregation in Brampton will have a seder on April 18 at 5:30 p.m. For information, dial 792-7589.

For details on other seders, call the Jewish Information Service at 635-5600.

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee and the synagogue's brotherhood and sisterhood are holding a seder for people with AIDS or those who are HIV positive on April 22 at 6 p.m. at 625 Church St. (The Third Street Cafe). There is no charge but reservations must be made by April 15. Call 789-3291 for details.

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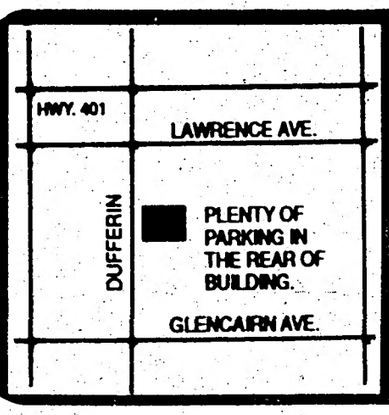

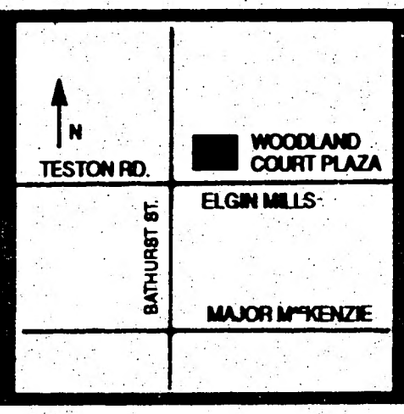

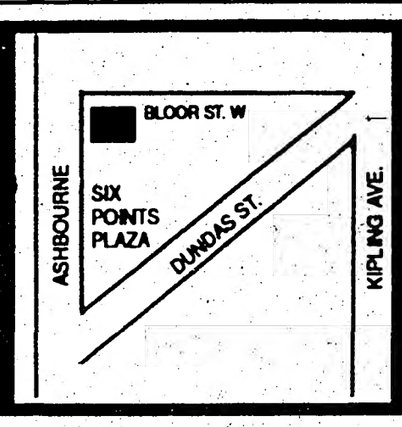

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Sephardi dishes create an unusual menu

By
LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

This year, 1992, Passover occurs simultaneously with the 500-year anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. King Ferdinand published the Writ of Expulsion on March 31, 1492.

Unlike the Israelites who fled Egypt, the Jews left Spain reluctantly. They had resided there for more than a century, probably since the destruction of the First Temple (586 BCE). They participated in and identified closely with all aspects of Spanish culture. They were prominent citizens, recognized physicians, scientists, philosophers, and dilplomats. Many expected their expulsion would be only temporary, that the King would relent and allow them to return to their homeland.

Those who hoped for an early and easy return went to Portugal. Others took the hop-skip-and-a-jump route across the Mediterranean to locations in North Africa, where Jewish communities were already established due to earlier persecutions in Spain. Some boarded ships for Genoa and Venice, leading trade cities in the world at that time.

The majority went to the Ottoman Empire, where Sultan Bajasid welcomed them with open arms, proclaiming: "You call Ferdinand a wise king, he who has made his country poor and enriched ours!"

Wherever they arrived, they took their Spanish Jewish culture with them, implanting the stamp of where they had come from on the new communities they established or came to dominate. In the area of food this influence is most apparent. So if you're looking for a delicious and unusual menu for your Passover Seder, select a variety of Sephardi dishes. That way, you'll be acknowledging the Exodus from Egypt as well as the one from Spain.

One of the greatest treats at every Seder is the charoset, a combination of fruit, nuts, and wine ground together to resemble the cement used by the ancient Israelites in Egypt. Coming from warmer climates than Ashkenazi Jews, the Sephardim prepare theirs from a wide variety of fruits, including dates, raisins, and oranges in addition to the standard apples and nuts.

Start your dinner with a special Moroccan Passover chicken vegetable soup. Add carrots, turnips, and leeks. Flavor it with a dash of saffron and lots of chopped cilantro for an aromatic dish.

Artichokes are a must at a Sephardi Seder. Cook them in water seasoned with garlic and lemon juice. Remove the thistle and then stuff them with a delicious mixture of ground white meat turkey, onion, garlic, and parsley. Top them with a tasty tomato sauce. Bake just until warm and serve.

For your entree, prepare a fish tagine enhanced by the typical Moroccan seasoning charmoula, a mixture of paprika, garlic, cumin, and cilantro. It is a bake-and-serve casserole.

Take advantage of fresh asparagus in the market. Instead of making a green salad, try steaming the asparagus and then seasoning them with a delightful mixture of fresh herbs, something new and interesting for your table.

Finally, dessert. It is by far the hardest part of the menu to accommodate to the dietary rules of Passover, the low-fat and low-cholesterol preferences of modern life, and the aesthetic desires of food lovers.

Moroccan Jews serve a delicious sweet potato pudding that is made with neither flour nor egg yolks. Topped with meringue and thickened with ground almonds, the lowest fat nut, it is beautiful to look at and rich and sweet to eat.

RECIPES:

Sephardi Charoset (Turkey)

8 oz. pitted dates
8 oz. seedless raisins
2 apples, cut into chunks
½ cup almonds
⅓ cup orange juice or wine
1 tsp. cinnamon

Place all ingredients in food processor. Turn on the motor, adding orange juice or wine, until ground to the consistency of wet cement.

Makes 3 cups.

Per tablespoon: 38 calories; 0.5 grams protein; 9 grams carbohydrate; 0.7 grams fat; 0 milligrams cholesterol. 15 percent of total calories come from fat.

Passover Vegetable Soup (Morocco)

4 leeks
1 pound carrots, diced
1 pound turnips, diced
8 cups no-fat chicken stock
a generous pinch of saffron
salt and pepper to taste
1 bunch cilantro, chopped

Cut the tough green tops off the leeks and discard. Split lengthwise. Run under water to wash out the sand. Chop coarsely.

Place the leeks, carrots, and turnips in a large stock pot or Dutch oven. Add the chicken stock, saffron, and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, then cover, reduce heat and simmer 1 hour, or until the vegetables are tender.

Adjust the seasoning. 15 minutes prior to serving, add the chopped cilantro. Simmer an additional 15 minutes.

Makes 10 servings.

Per serving: 66 calories; 5 grams protein; 13 grams carbohydrate; 0.5 rams fat; 0.8 milligrams cholesterol. 6 percent of total calories come from fat.

Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Stuffed Artichokes (Spain)

10 medium artichokes
1 clove garlic, crushed
juice of ½ lemon
1 tbsp. salt
splash of olive oil
Ground turkey filling
Spicy tomato sauce

Cut the thorny tops off the artichokes. Trim away the stem and remove any discolored leaves.

Place about 4 inches of water in a pot large enough to hold the artichokes. Add the crushed garlic, lemon juice, salt and olive oil. Cover and bring to a boil. Add the artichokes. Bring to a boil, then cover and lower the heat. Simmer 20-25 minutes, until the artichokes are tender but not falling apart. Drain. Set aside to cool. While the artichokes are cooling, prepare the filling and sauce.

When the artichokes are cool enough to handle, remove the thistle. First pull out the centre leaves. Then open the remaining leaves gently, so the artichoke doesn't fall apart. With a small spoon, remove the fuzzy thistle at the centre bottom, leaving as much of the heart as possible.

Stuff the artichokes with the cooked meat mixture and place them in an oven proof baking dish. Top each with a generous spoonful of the prepared sauce. (May be prepared to this point and refrigerated.)

Heat your oven to 350 degrees.

About ½ hour before serving time, place the prepared artichokes in the oven. Bake, covered, for 15-20 minutes, depending on whether the artichokes were refrigerated or not. Remove the cover and continue baking until the artichokes are heated through.

Makes 10 servings.

Per serving: 137 calories; 13 grams protein; 15 grams carbohydrates; 0.3 grams fat; 0 miligrams cholesterol. 2 percent of total calories come from fat.

Ground Turkey Filling:

4 tbsp. no-fat chicken stock
2 cloves garlic, chopped
½ medium onion, finely chopped
1 pound ground turkey breast
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
salt and pepper to taste
½ cup Passover white wine

Heat the chicken stock in a large non-stick pan. add the garlic and onion and cook until the vegetables have wilted. Add the ground turkey, parsley, and season to taste. Cook, stirring frequently, until the turkey loses its pink color. Add the wine. Raise the heat and cook until all the liquid disappears.

Spicy Tomato Sauce

1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
¼ tsp. crushed red peppers
1 clove garlic, chopped
½ teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon basil
1 bay leaf
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan. Heat thoroughly, allowing the flavors to blend. Remove bay leaf before dressing the tops of the stuffed artichokes.

Fish Tagine With Tomatoes, Potatoes And Peppers (Morocco)

10 3½ ounce fish fillets (halibut or sea bass)
Charmoula
5 red peppers, peeled and thinly sliced
3 ripe tomatoes, sliced thickly
3 bell peppers (any combination of yellow, red and green) seeded and sliced
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1½ tbsp. tomato paste
½ cup lemon juice
water

Rinse fish in cool water and pat dry. Season with about a third of the Charmoula and let it marinate at least 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Arrange bamboo skewers in a lattice pattern on the bottom of a large glass baking dish. Place the fish fillets on top of the skewers. Dip the potato slices in the Charmoula and spread them over the fish. Do the same with the tomatoes and peppers. Sprinkle with the chopped garlic.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining Charmoula with the tomato paste, lemon juice and 1 cup of water. Pour this over the ingredients in the baking dish. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 35 minutes. Remove the cover. Raise the oven heat to 500 degrees and bake another 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender and fish is cooked. Remove from oven and let stand for up to ½ hour before serving.

Makes 10 servings.

Per serving: 174 calories; 20 grams protein; 19 grams carbohydrate; 2 grams fat (including 0.3 grams saturated fat); 27 milligrams cholesterol. 12 percent of total calories come from fat.

Charmoula

½ cup cilantro, chopped
½ cup parsley, chopped

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Keeping kosher "a task" in a small town

By
IDELE ROSS SLEPKOV

ST. CATHARINES — Keeping kosher in Israel is a piece of cake (dairy or parve) but "keeping the kid out of his mother's milk" here in Smalltown, Ontario is a gargantuan task bordering on obsession for people who regard cooking as an art requiring. well, a veritable palette of products.

Picture the desperate shopper — pawing and scanning every package, carton and envelope, each can, cup and box — praying for a sign; COR, MK — something, anything that says YES! take me home. Use me to create a tasty dish the whole family will love that isn't based on tuna fish or kosher hotdogs.

Keeping kosher may be a time-honored ritual in the big cities of the Diaspora but here in Ontario's hinterland, its not only full-time but a crusade. In this town of 124,000 souls, there are about 300 Jewish families, many of whom keep kosher or, admit they would be more kosher if products were readily available. And after 18 years of Jerusalem Sabbaths, my family and I were ill-prepared for our first visit to the supermarket on a Friday morning.

"Mommy, look at all the products marked MD," my 11-year-old daughter exclaimed. I too was excited to see so many products marked 'MD' assuming this was another Canadian kashrut certification, stipulating that these products were milk or dairy. So we started to fill the cart with Christie's cookies, treats from Quakers and a new snack for us, nachos.

It was in the soup section that the kosher reality check hit. Why was the MD also on the label of Campbell's meatball soup and Heinz pork'n beans? It's not a kashrut symbol, we surmise, but the abbreviation for the French word meaning trademark, the equivalent of TM. "Merde!" (and its Hebrew equivalent) I mumbled as I returned most of the shopping to its rightful shelves.

The kosher search and seize game has been taken up by my non-Jewish neighbor who adores the hunt. "I just came back from Food Terminal," she reports, "and there are more products with COR there than at the IGA."

Wading through ingredients, nutritional data, weights in two systems and everything in two languages just to find an often camouflaged COR (are manufacturers ashamed?) requires a magnifying glass and the patience of Job (the Biblical). You look longingly at products you know are kosher in the States where over 20,000 food items are certified kosher. You leer angrily at foods you know carry a COR in Toronto but not here, a mere 100 kilometres away.

Moreover the small town kosher shopper leaves the market with a headache and barely enough groceries for two dinners. How much pasta and tomato sauce is a family willing to eat in a week?

Family and friends laugh at my quandary. "Nobody shops here," one homemaker informs me, "Get a deep freeze and stock up in Toronto like everyone else. Or go over the river to the States."

Indeed. There I was in the food section of a major discount store known for its 'green-light specials,' tears of Jewish joy in my eyes. As an Israeli I was overwhelmed by the abundance and choice. As a person who keeps kosher I thrilled to the sight of salad dressings, snack foods, cookies, even breads; and I swore they were all smiling at me.

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4 cloves garlic, peeled
2 tbsp. mild vinegar
⅓ cup lemon juice
1½ tsp. salt
1½ tsp. paprika
¼ tsp. ground cumin
dash of cayenne (optional)

Combine all ingredients in food processor bowl. Process until mixture is a smooth paste. Use to season fish tagine as directed above.

Herbed Asparagus

1 clove garlic, chopped
salt
2½ lbs. fresh asparagus
2 tbsp. chopped green onion
½ tsp. dried basil or 1 tablespoon fresh, chopped
dash of paprika
freshly ground white pepper

Saute garlic in lightly salted water. Add the vegetables and steam until crisp cooked. While the vegetables are still hot, sprinkle them with the chopped herbs, paprika and pepper.

Makes 10 servings.

Per serving: 23 calories; 2 grams protein; 4 grams carbohydrate; 0.3 grams fat; 0 milligrams cholesterol. 12 percent of total calories come from fat.

Sweet Potato Pudding Topped With Meringue (Morocco)

2 lbs. baked sweet potatoes or yams
¼ lb. sliced almonds
1 cup sugar
2 egg whites at room temperature
5 oranges, halved, fruit removed optional
1 tsp. vanilla

Place baked sweet potatoes and almonds in food processor. Process until smooth. Heat in a non-stick fry pan.

Remove 4 tablespoons sugar from the 1 cup and set aside. Place the remaining sugar in a non-stick frying pan. Turn the heat up. Let the sugar brown, stirring constantly. Be careful it doesn't burn too much. Try to achieve a warm brown caramel color. When the sugar is properly caramelized, pour almost all of it into the hot sweet potato mixture. Stir in quickly, because the caramel hardens almost instantly, scraping the sides and bottom of the pan to include all the sweet potato mixture and as much of the caramel as possible. Place the pudding into a glass pie pan, individual oven proof baking dishes, or scooped out orange rinds.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Prepare the meringue. Place the egg whites in a small mixing bowl. Mix at highest speed, until the whites are frothy and semi stiff peaks form when the beaters are lifted. Slowly beat in the reamining sugar. Continue beating until the meringue is shiny and the peaks are stiff. Stir in the vanilla.

Top the pudding mixture with the meringue. Makes peaks by touching the meringue lightly with the spatula. Bake for 15 minutes, until the peaks are golden brown. Remove from oven.

Reheat the remaining caramel in the pan. Drizzle this over the top of the meringue.

Makes 10 servings.

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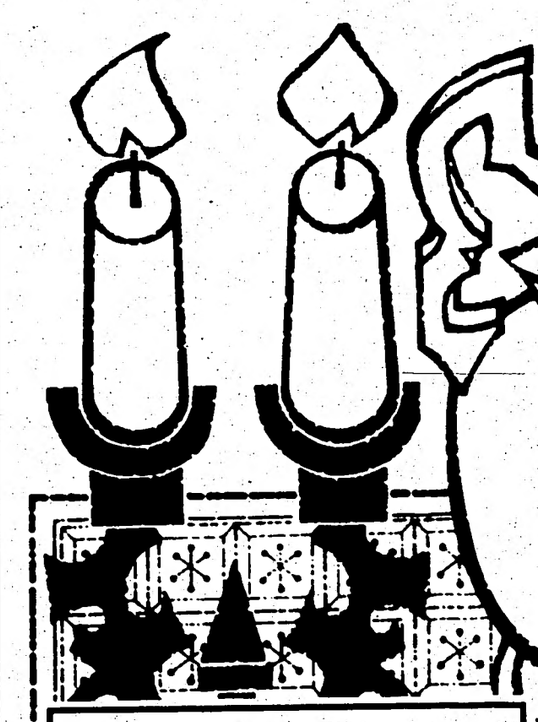

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Bring Pesach to a close with a tasty sweet dessert

By RICHARD AMSTER

It seems only fitting to bring Pesach to a close with a dessert that is both memorable and elegant. This is actually a pastry item that involves no substitution of ingredients, may challenge your baking skills and does require a little advance planning. The results are worth all of the effort.

A dacquoise is a mixture of meringue and ground nuts, which when baked is used as a cake layer or as in this case, a small cookie. This dessert involves piping a sinfully delicious soft chocolate ganach filling on top of one of these cookies to form an open faced pastry. Enjoy!

Dacquoise Dessert

For the meringue discs:
4 large egg whites
¾ cup sugar
¾-1 cup ground walnuts
¼ tsp. cream of tartar (kosher for Passover)
about 6 nice walnut halves
about 4 oz. chocolate chips for brushing

For the soft ganach filling:
1 pint heavy cream, well chilled
12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 Tblsp. butter

One day before you want to serve the dessert prepare both the discs and the filling.

Stirring regularly, bring the milk, cream, and butter to a boil and immediately remove from the heat. Add the chocolate chips to the mixture and stir to melt them. Refrigerate the mixture for 24 hours.

Using a grease free bowl and only grease-free utensils, combine the sugar and the egg whites in the top of a double boiler and whisk the mixture until it reaches about 110 degrees. If possible use the bowl of your mixer to do this in as it will save dirtying another bowl.

Place the egg white and sugar mixture in a mixture bowl on an electric mixer and whip the whites until they become frothy and soft peaks form. Add the cream of tartar and continue to whip the whites until shiney and stiff peaks form.

Remove the whites from the mixer and using a rubber spatula fold in the ground walnuts. Place the meringue mixture in a pastry bag with no tip in it.

Working carefully, pipe the mixture into circular shapes about 2-3" in diameter and about ¼" high, on a parchment paper lined sheet tray.

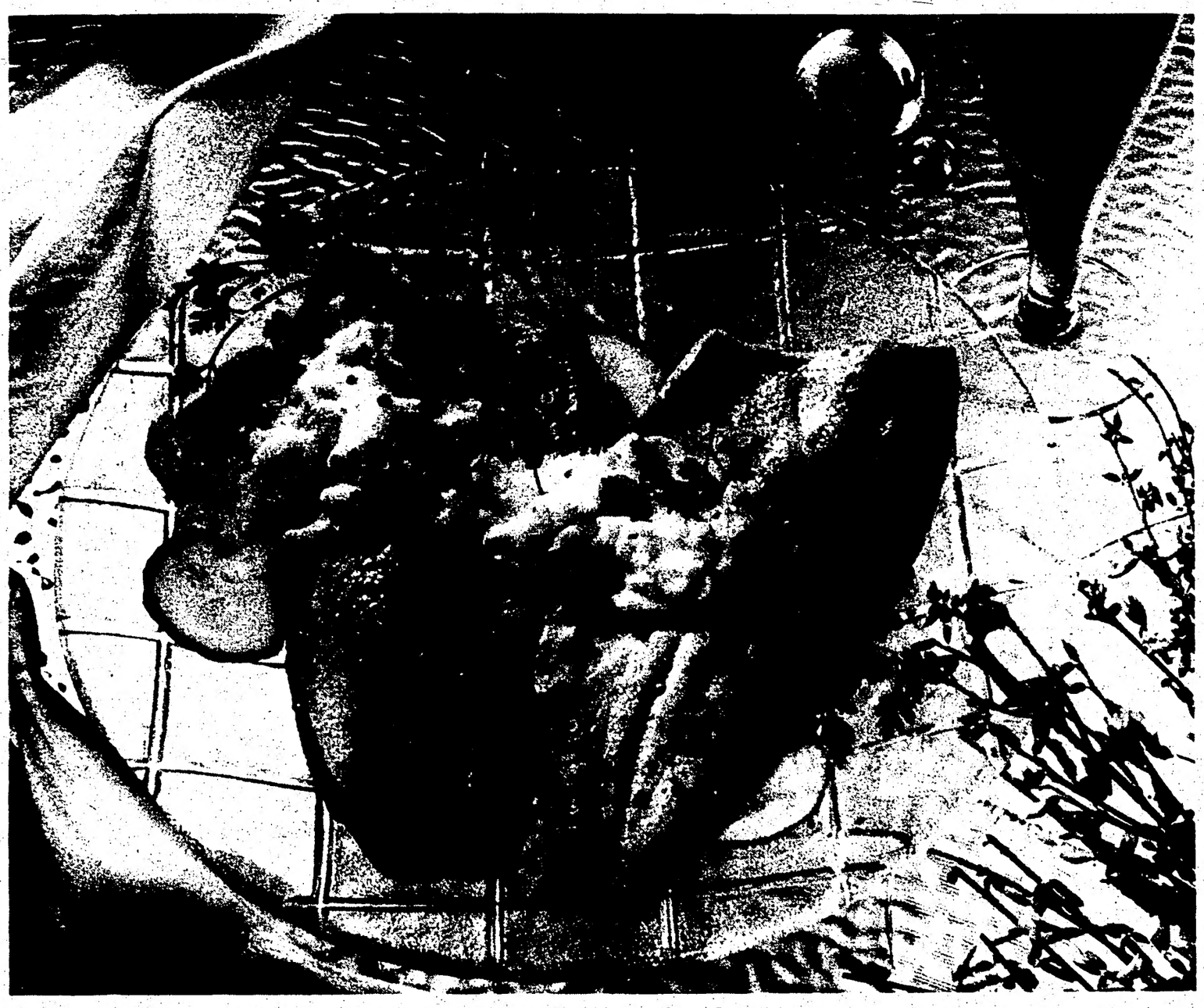
Place the tray of meringue in an oven set at 200 degrees. Allow the discs to bake until completely crisp and the discs separate freely from the parchment paper. This may take several hours and is best done overnight.

When the discs are done, melt the chocolate chips using a double boiler, and paint the top side of the discs with the melted chocolate. Either dip or brush the walnut halves with chocolate also.

Whip the chocolate cream mixture until stiff peaks form and place in a piping bag with either a plain of star shaped tip. Pipe the chocolate filling onto the painted side of the discs. Place the painted walnut on top of the filling.

Assemble all of the sandwiches in this manner and serve.

There's nothing fishy about cucumber sauce



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BAKED SALMON TROUT WITH PIQUANT CUCUMBER SAUCE

Cucumber, lemon juice and dillweed team up in this piquant sauce for easy baked fish. This recipe, from Foodland Ontario, features salmon trout, but you can substitute your family's favorite fish.

Make the sauce while the fish is baking, add a steamed vegetable and you have a great meal for those between yontif days when the mind boggles at the idea of another heavy meal.

2 tbsp. butter
1 cup shredded, peeled cucumber, squeezed dry
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tbsp. potato starch
½ tsp. dried dillweed
1 cup milk
3 tbsp. lemon juice
salt and pepper
1½ lbs. salmon trout or salmon fillets, cut into 6 pieces

Melt butter in medium saucepan. Saute cucumber and onion until tender. Blend in potato starch and dillweed. Gradually stir in milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens. Stir in lemon juice. Add salt and pepper to taste; keep warm.

Place each serving of fish in centre of pieces of foil. Fold edges to seal. Place packages on baking sheet. Bake in 475 oven 10 min. or until fish flakes with fork.

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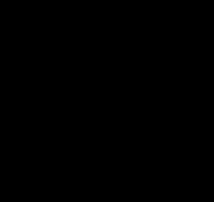

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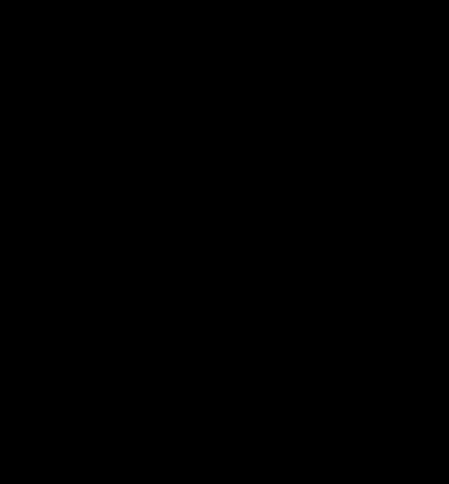

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JOEL GREENBERG

The Israeli and Jordanian-Palestinian delegations met on Sunday morning in Madrid to start the first face-to-face negotiations between the two sides behind closed doors, without the presence of outside observers.

The focus of the meeting was on logistical issues since no clear resolution had been reached by Sunday morning on where the substantive bilateral negotiations would take place.

The Syrian and Lebanese delegations did not turn up at the scheduled time and place for their opening bilateral talks with Israeli teams. The U.S. delegation was continuing its efforts to get the Syrians to attend, and at press-time it was reported that they would. The Syrians were said to want a "conference format" rather than the already-agreed bilateral, direct talks.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned home from Madrid on Friday, leaving Deputy Foreign Minister Benyamin Netanyahu to head the Israeli delegation. Israel strongly favored a venue in the Middle East region, while Syria was adamant on [illegible] there, in Madrid.

Netanyahu told Israeli reporters on Saturday night that the entire delegation might be returning to Israel on Monday afternoon. He indicated that Israeli teams would appear for all three sets of bilateral talks, regardless of whether Israel was notified that the Arabs would attend. "We are showing up at all the talks as scheduled," he said.

At the same time, official Israeli sources said the delegation would not agree to sit across the table from Saeb Arekat, one of the Palestinian delegates who announced publicly that he represented, and had been appointed by, the PLO. He was rebuked by the U.S. and the other Palestinian delegates, and Israel cited his statement as a violation of the agreed ground rules. Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubenstein headed the team talking with the Jordanian-Palestinian team.

The split between Syria and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation bodied ill for Arab coordination in later stages of the talks, which will eventually have to tackle complicated questions of land, security and peaceful relations. Other delegates in Madrid said Washington, Cyprus and the Greek island of Rhodes were among the alternatives under discussion.

In a new [illegible]

[illegible] and Binyamin Netanyahu confer in Madrid. (AFP)

[illegible] which Prime Minister Shamir accused Syria of being a terrorist haven (see Page 2) and al-Shar'a labeled Shamir a terrorist. Secretary of State James Baker exhorted Israelis and Arabs to push the peace process forward by engaging in confidence-building measures. Baker mentioned freezing settlement, activity in return either for suspending the Arab boycott or stopping the intifada. So far, there's no sign that either side is interested.

In his speech, Baker admonished the parties. "You have failed to deal adequately with the human dimension of the conflict. This has been a start, a good start, an historic start that has broken old taboos, an important start that opens further opportunities. But it is only a start, and that's not enough. You must not let this start become an end.

"Each of you needs to get off the mark and get off it quickly. If you do not seize this historic [illegible] one clear [illegible]

[illegible] communications, security and travel requirements of the talks are held outside the region.

There were unconfirmed reports that Palestinian activists Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, serving as advisers to the Palestinian delegation, made a quick trip from Madrid to Tunis – some said Algiers – over the weekend to consult with PLO chair-

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Air Force and artillery continue attacks on Hizbullah targets

IDF buildup reported in S. Lebanon after 3 more Israelis killed

Lebanon's Syrian-backed government last week put its army in the south on full alert amid widespread rumors of pending IDF action in retaliation for continuing attacks on the security zone. Three IDF soldiers were killed and six wounded last Tuesday in separate incidents by terror groups opposed to the Madrid peace conference.

The previous week, a roadside charge claimed another three Israeli lives near the village of Roumman.

The most recent IDF fatalities were inflicted by another roadside bomb, this time near Aramta village in the eastern sector of the security zone.

The dead were Captain Ronen Journo of Even Shmuel, Staff-Sergeant Shachar Cohen of Moshav Mashen, and Sergeant Shaul Hallevitch of Moshav Aseret. Two terrorists from the Islamic Jihad were killed and a third captured after being wounded.

A second incident, in which five IDF troops were wounded, occurred in the western sector of the zone when a three-member terror squad from the Islamic Jihad penetrated the zone and reached as far as the Israeli border. Two of the Palestinian Muslim extremists were killed and the third was captured. The gang, apparently working in close cooperation with Hizbullah, had intended to attack civilians at the border settlement of Moshav Zarit.

The five IDF soldiers wounded in the second incident were transferred by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

News agencies reported from Lebanon that residents of Roumman, just north of the security zone, were being ordered by the IDF to leave their homes. Military sources in Israel denied that the IDF was calling on residents to evacuate. The sources stressed, however, that the IDF expected the Lebanese Army to prevent Hizbullah activities, and residents of south Lebanon to rid themselves of "terrorist elements."

Many residents in south Lebanon are known to be opposed to the fundamentalist extremists because of the retaliation they suffer. Hizbullah, however, is the main armed force in the region, especially around the market town of Nabatiya and in the Iqlim al-Toufah district, and has been operating with impunity despite the presence of

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From left, Staff-Sergeant Shahar Cohen, Sergeant Shaul Hallevitch and Captain Ronen Journo.

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Specially trained and supervised Health Care Aides provide caregivers with short term relief from long term care responsibilities. These programs are designed to be flexible in meeting the needs of caregivers, looking after persons suffering from Alzheimers disease and related memory disorders.

Home Service Staff can assist with:

- Personal Care (bathing, toileting, transfers, etc.)
- Activities of daily living
- Supervision to ensure safety
- Planned recreational activities

Counselling:

Senior Care's Counselling Program helps individuals and families cope with the stress of caring for a loved one who has a progressive dementia. Qualified Social Workers provide caregivers with individual and family counselling, develop and coordinate a plan with the caregiver involving other professionals or services as required.

Support Groups:

Support groups are available for either spouses or adult sons and daughters. Group meetings educate caregivers about progressive dementia while encouraging sharing of similar experiences.

Nutritional Support:

Senior Care's Kosher Meals On Wheels are available daily for those who require specialized diets or who are unable to look after basic meal preparation.

Palliative Care

Senior Care supports the individual's right to die at home with dignity. The palliative care program is available to assist persons with terminal illnesses with their care requirements.

The palliative care program provides

the following:

Specially trained workers to meet the needs of the palliative care patient

Coordination with professional services required and/or with involved institutions

Counselling and support groups for families (scheduled for early 1992)

Live-in Program

Senior Care has a live-in worker placement program for people who cannot be left alone. Qualified personnel are available to meet complex needs. For this program only a placement fee is charged and the worker is paid directly by the individual/family employing the worker.

This placement service includes:

Home assessment to determine individual and family requirements

Screening and matching of live-in workers

Preparation for individual/family's role as employer

Monitoring period

Volunteers:

Volunteers perform an integral role at Senior Care. Volunteer opportunities exist in both direct services and administrative and clerical areas.

Other Services:

In addition to the extensive range of counselling and support programs Senior Care also has a range of other services available to Seniors, families, youths, and the community-at-large.

Volunteer visitors are companions to isolated seniors who have little or no contact with family or friends.

Stepping In offers a specialized opportunity for volunteers to work with the cognitively impaired person.

Intergenerational Programs provide opportunities for sharing and learning between seniors, children and/or younger adults.

Seniors Helping Seniors is a peer education program. Educational workshops are of particular interest to persons 55 and over and are led by senior volunteers.

Research and Program Development:

Senior Care is actively involved in innovative program development, research and publishing materials on providing community care to seniors. *Workplace ElderConnect* is a recently developed program that reaches into the business community to assist company employees effectively manage their combined role of caregiver and employee. Senior Care is currently planning a *Vacation Care* program to be launched in the spring of 1992. This program will provide a health care worker to live-in while a caregiver is vacationing. Senior Care also maintains an active link with educational institutions as a centre of learning for students entering the fields of gerontology and social service.

Funding:

Senior Care's Home Support Services are funded by government and/or fees for service. Where individuals and families require financial assistance, the Agency provides subsidized services to the extent that the Agency's financial resources permit.

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SENIOR CARE CELEBRATES "CHAI"

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Nearly eighteen years ago, on a muggy day in the spring of 1974, Toronto's Jewish Community turned an ambitious vision into reality by opening Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly (C.S.J.E.). Instead of mimicking the trend toward institutionalizing the elderly, this social service agency was created to pioneer a new model of care — to offer a diverse range of programs aimed at helping older people remain independent in their own homes.

With the "blessing" of the then United Jewish Welfare Fund (Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Toronto) and the family of Jewish social service agencies, C.S.J.E. opened its first office - a thinly disguised three bedroom bungalow at 18 Baycrest Avenue.

C.S.J.E. began its mission with a small budget and five modest programs: Kosher Meals On Wheels; Elder Craftsmen, a job placement service; a visiting homemaking program; a volunteer visiting service; and the Association of Jewish Seniors - an advocacy and educational coordination group for Jewish Seniors' clubs and centres.

Almost thirteen years later, C.S.J.E. changed its name to Senior Care - Community Services to Jewish Elderly, to emphasize its strong community orientation.

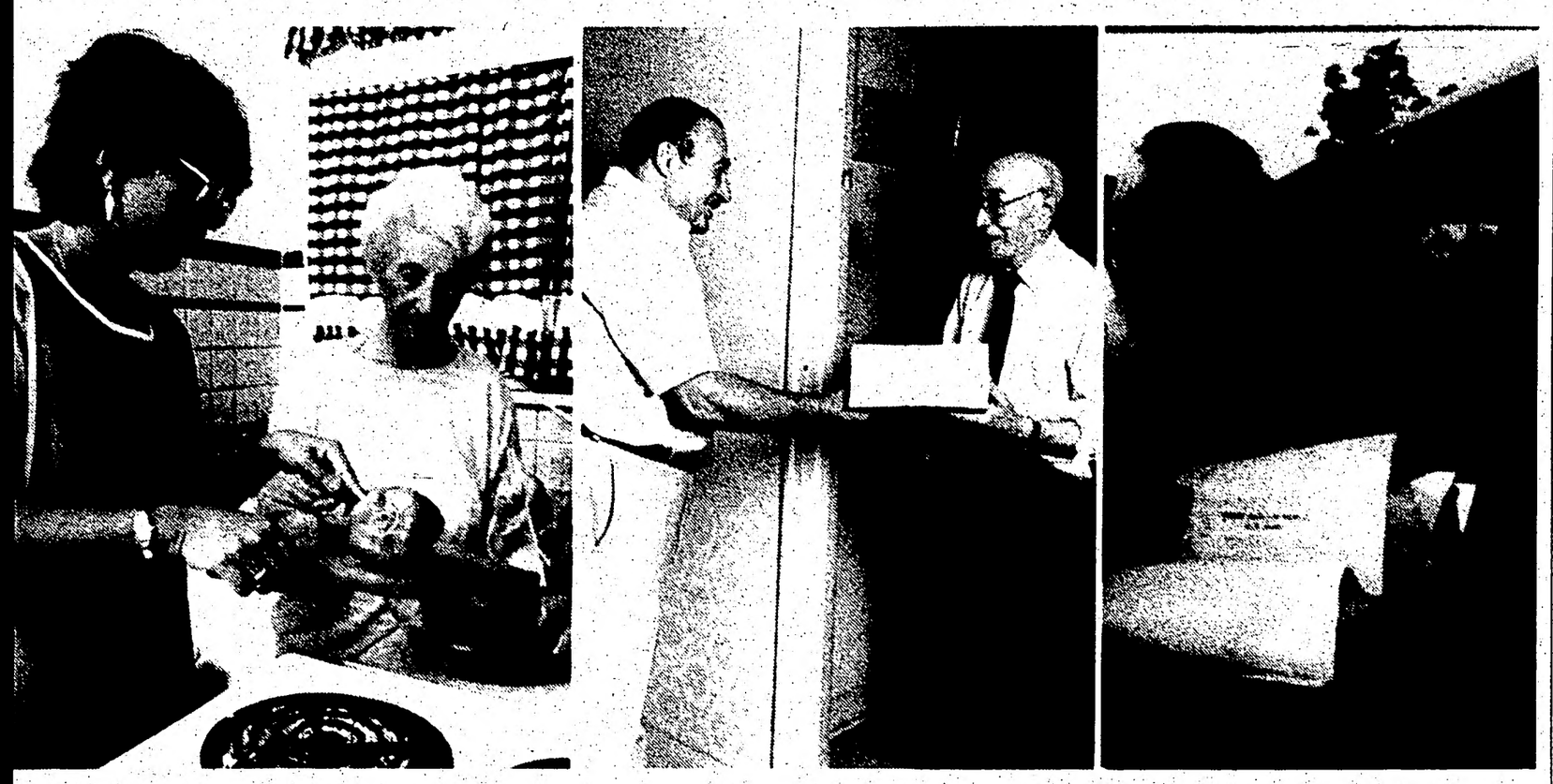
From these humble beginnings, Senior Care has grown to be recognized as one of the largest, most progressive community-based agencies in the province of Ontario. Today, Senior Care operates from modern offices at 530 Wilson Avenue. A unique team of professionals with social work, counselling and nursing degrees, combined with a staff of more than 200 homemakers, health-care aides, and housekeepers are available to address the myriad of issues and problems that involve supporting an elderly person at home. Service is available from a few hours per week, to 24 hours a day.

The needs of special constituencies, for example, those with Alzheimers Disease or other cognitive disorders, are also met with services for both the ill person and their caregivers through such services as our Caregiver Relief, Counselling, Family Support Groups and the volunteer-driven Stepping In Programs.

In addition to being a primary resource of community support services, Senior Care has woven innovative programming, research and special projects into its daily agenda.

Some recent examples of these initiatives include the development of self-help educational programs on independent community living; Intergenerational programs; Information and Referral Service to industry; research and testing devices for Alzheimers patients and the production of varied publications on community care, including the nationally distributed guidebook, My House Is Not My Home, designed for caregivers.

Members of the Board who served during these past 17 years, staff and volunteers, and our community-at-large, can take special pride in the achievements of our agency and in the progressive thinking of our community. Our satisfaction and pride stems from the secure knowledge that Senior Care makes an important difference to the quality of life of individuals and families.



A) Senior Care Home Service Worker helping client prepare a meal.
B) Senior Care Volunteer delivering Kosher Meals-On-Wheels to client.
C) One of Senior Care's more than 400 volunteers loads his van with Kosher Meals-On-Wheels.

SENIOR CARE TO LAUNCH VACATION CARE PROGRAM

A new Vacation Care program to be launched later this summer has been developed to provide assistance and support to the frail elderly or to persons with disabilities requiring 24 hour supervision on a short term basis. This program is intended for caregivers who are considering a vacation and will require help for their loved one in their absence. It is also suitable for the caregiver or client who has recently been hospitalized and will require additional help for themselves or for a relative while recuperating. The program is designed for clients who require supervision anywhere from a minimum of three days to a maximum of 3 months. An initial assessment will be completed by the Vacation Care program coordinator to determine the needs of the person requiring care. The Vacation Care worker will be able to respond to the client's needs by assisting with personal care, nutrition and meals, housekeeping, companionship and safety. For more information call Senior Care 635-2860.

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SENIOR CARE'S VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

Aged 9 to 95, a diverse mix of 455 volunteers play an integral role in several Senior Care programs including, Kosher Meals On Wheels, Seniors Helping Seniors, Volunteer Visiting, Stepping In and various Intergenerational Programs and some provide clerical services during the year.

The agency also gleans invaluable support from its Board of Directors, which is comprised of 23 volunteers. "We attract volunteers from all segments of the community — business people, doctors, retirees and University students," says Arnold Foss, Volunteer Program Coordinator. "People with flexible schedules, such as entrepreneurs, real estate agents and retirees are drawn to the Kosher Meals On Wheels Program, while the Stepping In program is tailored specifically for post-secondary students," explains Selma Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator.

Taylor believes that many volunteers stay with the agency for years because "our programs give them a means to serve their community in a constructive and meaningful manner and the opportunity to work with giving individuals like themselves." These individuals are recognized annually at a Volunteer Appreciation Night, which includes an awards ceremony.

Upon learning he had won the agency's 1991 Selma Eisen Education Award, 21 year old volunteer Danny Heuman said, "it never occurred to me that one is rewarded for volunteering, except for the personal satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to the well-being of the community."

Ruth Margles, 1991 recipient of the Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award, began as a volunteer driver for the Kosher Meals On Wheels Program and later joined the Board of Directors. "Delivering a meal on a winter day or visiting someone who would otherwise be alone — gives one tremendous satisfaction," says Margles.

If you would like to discuss Senior Care's volunteer opportunities, please call Senior Care, 635-2860.

More than 350 Senior Care Volunteers attended the 1991 Volunteer Appreciation Night.

MUTUAL SHARING KEY TO INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

PEN-PAL PROGRAM

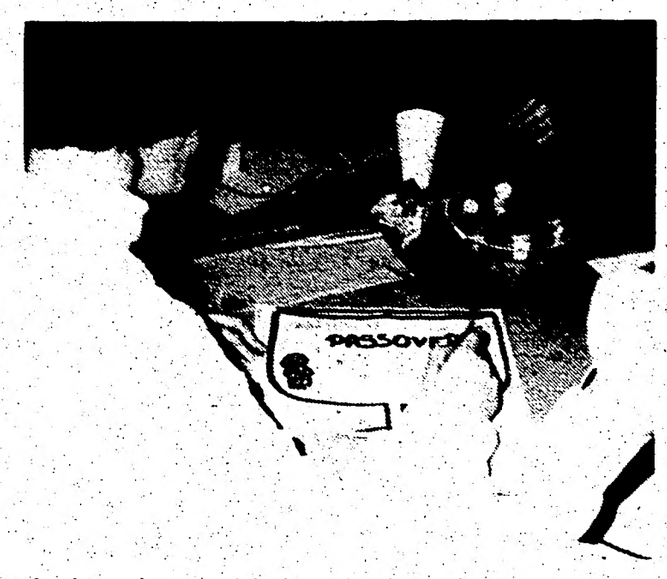
Amid the hugs and hand shakes at the Second Annual Senior Care/Pleasant Public School Intergenerational Tea, you could overhear the exchanges between 92-year old Frances and 10-year old John.

"I don't mean to be rude but I've never met anyone over 90 before," the grade six student said shyly as he studied this near centurion. "There's a lot of us out there," Frances beamed. "So who's going to win the World Series?," she asked. "I'm going for the Jays," John exclaimed. "A good choice," she said, "a good choice."

Pen-Pals share a special moment at The Intergenerational Tea at Pleasant Public School.

Through their letter writing, these pen-pals discovered a mutual love of baseball and other sports. They also learned that a 92-year-old woman and a 10-year-old boy could have something in common.

"Our intergenerational programs are unique because we involve isolated seniors living in their own homes," says Arnold Foss, Intergenerational Program Coordinator for Senior Care. "Unlike seniors living in nursing homes, senior citizens' buildings or senior's centres, these individuals have limited opportunities to participate in social programs of this nature." During the school year, from September '91 to June '92 approximately 90 students and 250 seniors will participate in these programs.



Students from Jewish day schools send Passover greetings to home-bound Senior Care clients.

STUDENT VISITING PROGRAM

The Student Visiting Program, another Intergenerational Program, organizes regular social contact between a senior and student volunteer from North York High Schools. The program's emphasis is not on "doing for" but on "sharing experiences with one another."

One student, Lisa, shared Rose's success at re-learning to walk following a hip replacement. Another student and his senior shared a love for literature by discussing the underlying meaning of specific passages in various books.

"GREETINGS" PROGRAM

Every month, 24 grade-four students from Dublin Heights Elementary and Middle School make Birthday "Greeting" cards, using a variety of craft techniques. To date, about 150 cards have been made and anonymously sent to Senior Care's Homemaking clients.

SHEPPARD SENIORS' SHOPPING PROGRAM

In February, Senior Care launched the Ulpanat Orot - Sheppard Seniors' Shopping Project to assist seniors who are unable to shop for themselves during the winter months. For this pilot project, ten students have been paired up and assigned to grocery shop for one senior living in the Sheppard Bathurst area on a weekly basis from now until May. If you are interested in any of the Intergenerational Programs , please call Senior Care 635-2860.

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Senior Care's Palliative Care Training Program Underway

Senior Care has received a significant grant to develop one of Ontario's first Palliative Care Training Programs for Home Service Workers.

The agency was prompted to develop the training program after it noticed an increase, over the past five years, in the number of terminally ill clients who choose to die at home. To grant this choice, their caregivers require specialized Home Service Workers who work with community professionals, to both provide bedside care and manage household tasks.

"Our goal is to develop a comprehensive Palliative Care Training Program, which will ultimately equip Home Service Workers, not only within the Jewish community but across the province, with the practical skills to help people live as comfortably as possible, during their final days," said Michael Scheinert, Executive Director for Senior Care.

Linda Hill, Manager of Senior Care's Palliative Care Program, is currently spearheading the preliminary survey to determine training areas to be addressed by the program and researching existing community resources. "We want to involve as many people as possible in the planning process to ensure the training package meets consumers', Home Service Workers' and member agencies' needs of the Ontario Association of Visiting Homemaker Services (O.A.V.H.S.)," said Hill.

As a member of O.A.V.H.S., Senior Care received funding for this initiative from the Trillium Foundation — an organization formed to help fund voluntary social service organizations through proceeds from the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

Dr. Les Richmond, Vice President of the Senior Care Board of Directors and Chair of the New Service Development Committee, feels a Palliative Care Program is a beneficial extension to Senior Care's current range of services. "Being cared for by a comprehensive team of professionals from one agency, such as Senior Care, will give a terminally ill client and their family the comfort of a central team of specialists dedicated to ensuring all their needs are met," said Dr. Richmond.

In reviewing the project's goal, Renee Clark, Program Coordinator, states, "our focus is not on dying with dignity, but on living with dignity. We intend to establish a program which will equip Home Service Workers with the emotional support and practical assistance skills to help people live as comfortably as possible, during their final days."

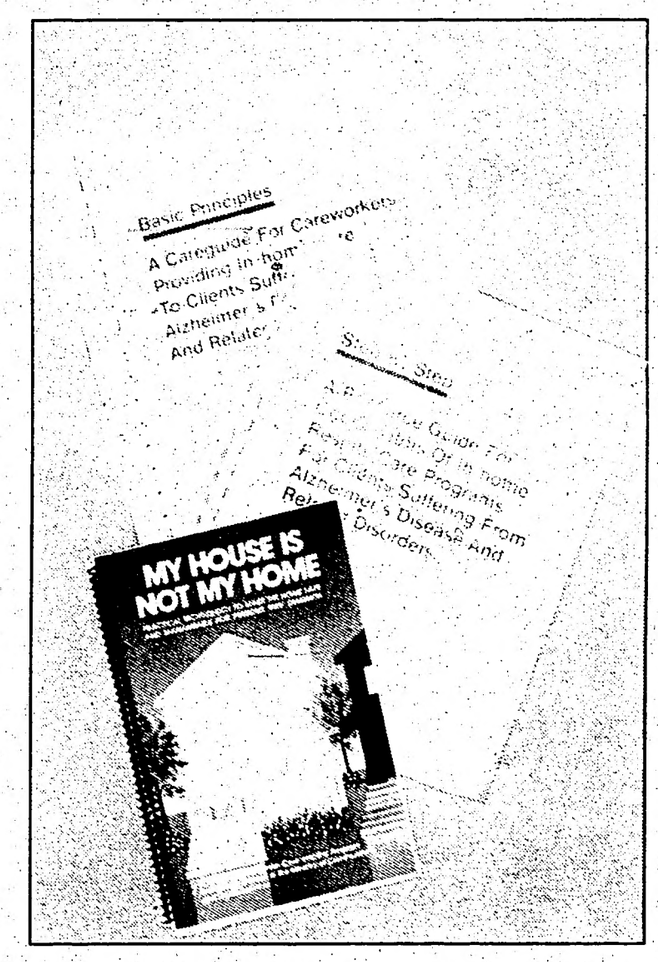
Publications Aimed To Help Caregivers

To meet the informational needs of caregivers and others involved with the cognitively impaired, Senior Care, has produced Basic Principles and its companion book Step by Step, for professionals and My House Is Not My Home, for caregivers in general.

Designed as training manuals for health and respite home service workers and students in social service programs, Basic Principles and Step By Step can also serve as guidebooks to help professionals source practical tips, which reflect current practice, on the daily care of the cognitively impaired.

Basic Principles can be used to sharpen professional skills, guidelines for problem solving; observing and reporting; communication; and stress management are also covered. The book also contains a detailed review of the symptoms, stages and characteristics of Alzheimers Disease. Step By Step is a comprehensive resource guide for coordinators of in-home respite care programs for people with Alzheimers Disease and related disorders. Home service workers may also use it to supplement Basic Principles.

My House Is Not My Home, produced in cooperation with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, reflects the real life situations of caregivers and is intended to offer practical tips and suggestions to help those caring for people with dementia carry on with their day to day lives. The book offers advice on inexpensive types of safety aids or devices that can be used in the home; presents steps in problem solving; discusses the role of the professional; and includes a directory of resource services and available materials.



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To purchase copies contact Senior Care at 635-2860

Live-In Program Helps Families Find Quality Care

In striving to ensure that her frail mother could safely live in her own home and have all her needs met, as well as tending to her immediate family and maintaining a full-time job — Marci Brown was exhausted. Yet, a reprieve from the constant demands of her daily routine seemed virtually impossible as most services available to assist her and her mother were limiting and expensive.

Like Marci's mother, a growing number of people choose to stay in their own homes instead of being institutionalized. To support this trend, our government is considering Long Term Care legislation which will change the options available to older adults and people with disabilities.

The decision to stay at home can place undue stress on caregivers, such as Marci, who try to help either a spouse, parent, relative or friend maintain their independence.

The Live-In Program's mandate is to provide assistance to people who want to remain in their own homes but cannot do so alone.

Designed as a placement service, the Live-In Program uses a comprehensive approach to help clients with the hiring and supervision of Live-In Workers. The service also includes: an in-home assessment; consultation; practical guidebook; and six-month probationary period to ensure the success of the placement.

For further information regarding the Live-In Program, contact the Senior Care Intake Department, 635-2860.

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Caregiver Counselling Meets Clients' And Families' Needs

At the suggestion of her family doctor, Mrs. Brown (not her real name) reluctantly attended Senior Care's Caregiver Counselling Program shortly after her father was diagnosed with Alzheimers Disease. "When I first came to the support group, I didn't feel that I needed it. Two months later, when my father deteriorated I remembered what other members had said about their parents and it helped me understand what was happening."

Since it was established in 1986, the Caregiver Counselling Program has provided counselling and case-management assistance to 285 family members and 115 caregivers of people diagnosed as cognitively impaired. During the past four years, the number of referrals has more than tripled and staff has subsequently increased from one to three specialized social workers.

Separate Caregiver Support Groups for spouses and adult children, such as the one Mrs. Brown attended, are integral to the program. One client calls his support group, "my monthly fix" and another describes it as, "an extended family."

Staff work in tandem with Senior Care Coordinators and liaise with other professionals in the community to provide a customized and comprehensive service plan for each client.

For more information about the Caregiver Counselling Program, contact the Senior Care 635-2860.

Stepping In Program Enhances Quality Of Life

In spite of the many demands, many family members and friends choose to care for a person with Alzheimers Disease at home.

In its early stages, Alzheimers Disease often leaves individuals acutely aware of their limitations. As a result, these individuals may be embarrassed to be around other people or outside of their familiar environment. While still capable of social interaction and enjoying many activities, these people often try to isolate themselves — placing an increasing burden on their caregivers.

To alleviate this situation, Senior Care has developed an innovative volunteer program called: Stepping In, funded by a grant from the Atkinson Foundation. Stepping In is a pilot program designed to provide a unique opportunity for people with Alzheimers Disease, their caregivers and volunteers.

Stepping In's primary objective is to enhance the lives of people with Alzheimers Disease by providing them with companionship and the opportunity to engage in meaningful home-based activities, such as reminiscing, walking, letter writing and so on.

Volunteers are recruited from various Toronto colleges and universities and receive special training to help them relate to the client and caregiver with sensitivity and awareness.

If you are interested in further information about the program, please call Senior Care 635-2860.

Senior Care Promotes Continuing Education Among Seniors

"The learning never ends" is the underlying theme of Seniors Helping Seniors, a peer education program designed to promote healthy aging.

The Seniors Helping Seniors project, funded by a Seniors Independence Program grant, from Health and Welfare Canada is an inovative approach to health promotion which empowers older adults to support one another. Learning from one's peers facilitates the learning process and also contributes to the volunteers sense of self and awareness. To date, there are more than 15 seniors leading the seminars and more than 200 seniors have attended one or all of the sessions offered. Older adults, with interests in leading small group workshops, are recruited and receive practical training from the project's coordinator and previously trained Seniors Helping Seniors group leaders. Volunteers learn important skills which enable them to effectively lead group discussions and disseminate important information.

Group leaders facilitate seminars on the following topics: How To Get The Health and Social Services You Need, Home Safety and Safety In The Community. All materials used in the seminar such as videos, a leaders guide, pariticpants workbook and flip charts are provided free of charge and have been developed by Senior Care staff with the advice and recommendations from a corp group of seniors.

Occasion Cards Help Us Help Others

Tell someone you care by sending a Senior Care Special Occasion Card to celebrate a holiday, birthday, bar mitzvah, or to console someone during a time of bereavement. Our exclusive cards are available in a bright floral watercolour or earth-toned landscape cover design. Both designs are available blank inside for your own personal message or with the standard contribution acknowledgement.

Special Occasion Cards may be purchased individually ($5.00) or in packages of six ($25.00) in any combination of designs. Call Senior Care to order your cards.

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